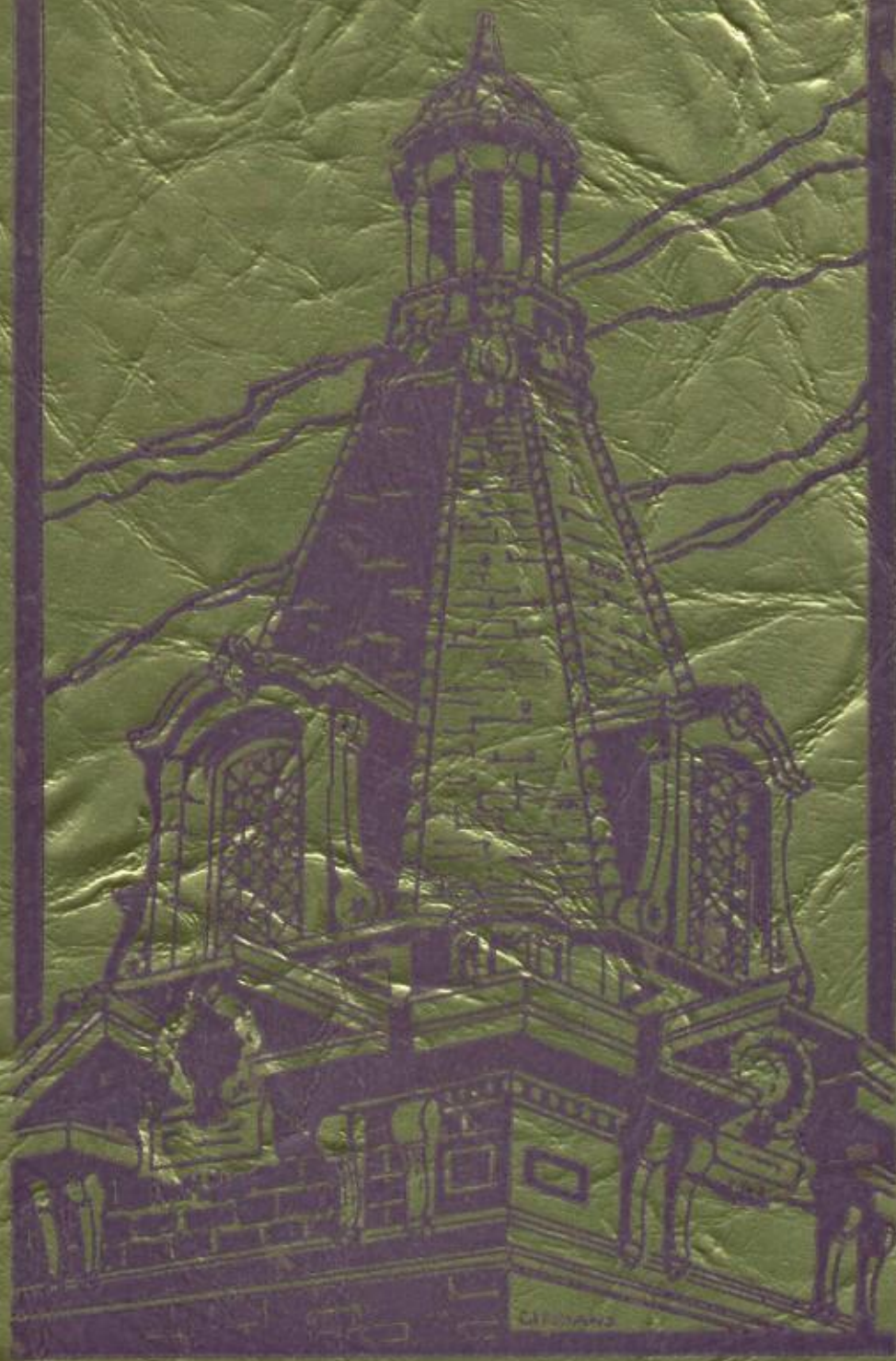


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Richard Fitzgerald, Mr. Gott, Anthony Fertita and Harry Spillman plant an evergreen at the traditional Arbor Day Program.

Foreword

OUR purpose in this fiftieth year of recording Lafayette history is to catch a glimpse of a glorious past and combine it with the contributions of the present, as we wonder what honors the future will bestow. This yearbook indicates the loyalty and fervid interest of those connected with the school. We of the golden anniversary class of 1953 have worked to leave an impressive mark on our Alma Mater. The four years of our high school life will be treasured as happy ones, filled by rich companionships and growth of knowledge. We can only hope that our contributions will be recalled as well as the traditional ivy and evergreens of Arbor Day are remembered.



Mae and Phyllis Vara lead the procession to the monument on Memorial Day.

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DR. BENJAMIN C. WILLIS
SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

CONGRATULATIONS to the principal, faculty, and students of Lafayette High School on this Golden Anniversary! The success of a school is determined, in a large part, by the combined efforts of teachers, pupils, parents, and other citizens of the school's community. The measure of this success centers in excellent citizenship on the part of the graduates in the years ahead.

Best wishes to those graduating in this memorable year; to the faculty, and, through you, to those who have preceded you.

Benjamin C. Willis

MR. HARRY I. GOOD

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION



FOR a half century Lafayette High School has served its community on a high plane. Its students have gone forth into this and other areas, giving a good account of themselves. Men and women in all walks of life are numbered among its graduates—artists, lawyers, teachers, musicians, doctors, nurses, businessmen, tradesmen, clergymen, social workers, clerical workers, and homemakers. All have felt the influence of this their Alma Mater, and all have gone forth to be of service to society. Lafayette can be truly proud of its fine achievements. Congratulations!

Harry I. Good

"The Years to Her Belong"



"The Queen Whose Praise Our Lips Confess"

UPON the western border of a domain extending wide,
 Encompassing our city, and all the satellites at her side,
 Throughout the cycle of a century's half our Lafayette has stood
 A presence strong, beneficent, striving ever toward the good.
 Within this spreading region many thousands now reside,
 Many thousands of her graduates who speak her name in pride.
 As they review in retrospect, across the intervening years,
 In the light of life's experience, the full significance then appears
 Of the service she has given, and they say, in understanding of the
 benefits bestowed,

"Oh how great their value, how deep the debt of gratitude owed
 To you, our Alma Mater, for your guidance and your care,
 For your great gifts, so freely given - for benefits rich and rare."

To your doors we came as children, they opened to our call;
 They opened wide in welcome and that welcome was for all.
 You opened windows of the mind to vistas then afar
 Fields in arts and sciences we could in later years explore.
 So we grew in mind as well as stature, increasing year by year,
 Those powers of mind now forming in a favorable atmosphere.
 And greater gifts than these you gave, as we can measure now,
 Oh heritage of priceless worth with which our young minds to endow,
 That desire for increase of knowledge into our minds you wrought;
 In our pliant youth you shaped it, fixed that desire in our thought
 That habit of the mind to seek - to know - to learn - to understand
 That striving toward a farther goal - 'twas ever your command.
 And when the time for parting came, because these blessings we had known,
 We were no longer children, but to men and women grown.

Many other happy hours we enjoyed along the way
 When work was laid aside, and play became the order of the day;
 Those assembly celebrations for athletic victories won
 The songs and cheers that deafened ears, for valorous deeds well done;
 The Press clubs and the Chess clubs, the Hi-Y's and the Gleees
 We joined at our own option, which ever seemed to please;
 The candy sales and masquerades brought their own share of fun
 Interests and amusements, through the years, for everyone.
 When flaring posters through the halls announced a carnival gay,
 When dramas and debates set forth our talents on display;
 At racing contests in the pool, we watched the champions swim;
 Oh the excitement through the school, at news of dances in the gym!
 The Yuletide Season brought its joys that memory oft recalls
 Christmas hymns sung sweet and clear by strolling carolers in the halls.
 The joy when former classmates 'twas our privilege to greet
 When friends returning at this season, could in sweet reunion meet.
 Then, when after steady strenuous effort, earnest work the four years through,
 When in June we "made the finals" marking thus the end in view,
 And before the gathered multitude, stiff we stood, a solemn band,
 With serious face and mien sedate, that prized diploma now in hand,
 Oh those joyous youthful days, the days we don't forget
 When our young years were happy years, - those years at Lafayette.

Your early years were quiet years, the ways of peace you knew
 Bordered by the pleasant farmlands stretching northward to the view,
 You enjoyed unusual setting near the growing city's edge;

Your students, on their way, pausing near the window ledge,
 Saw the cattle, deep in clover, grazing in the sunlit fields.
 But Time brought changes, the prospect alters, as to the builder's plans it yields
 But your building, strong and handsome, appears as in its early prime
 Despite the thousands housed within it, still unscathed by hand or time.
 Through those quiet years and peaceful noble standards high were set
 For splendid scholarships, for progress standards never lowered, always kept.
 In later years a world in turmoil brought new cares and fears to all.
 Witnessed vast transitions, saw political and economic systems fall.
 In your task you never faltered though responsibilities severe
 Brought heavy burdens, endless effort growing greater year by year.
 No, there was no withdrawal from those high standards early set,
 Every duty was fulfilled, every obligation met.

Oh those years brought many changes, brought the threat of danger near
 Danger to our homeland threatened as distant foreign foes appear.
 Our sons heard the call of duty, such a call they'd not neglect,
 Left to fight in far-off battles, their country's safety to protect.
 And our honor roll of heroes as we read it through the years,
 And pay our homage to their memory, although read through mist of tears
 Brings a solemn pride and glory, as in gratitude we give
 To their noble work, our tribute. Oh, through all the years shall live
 That honor roll of glory. Through coming centuries shall be read
 Our hallowed roll of heroes - Roll of our honored dead.

As these fifty years we measure, looking back in retrospect
 We realize the debt we owe of gratitude and respect
 To all those men and women who unceasingly have sought
 To bring success to every effort, who throughout the years have wrought
 To uphold her name in honor; her success their constant care;
 Her continued welfare - her well being, always their earnest prayer.
 Today we pay our tribute, too, to three great leaders, men of force
 Who, standing at the helm, have kept the huge ship on her course,
 Men of strength and courage, who in this work they chose to do
 Whether in past years or in present, brought their counsel wise and true,
 Their judgement firm - their sympathy, an understanding heart
 As through half a century, each has carried on his part.

Oh Lafayette, true picture of the schools throughout our land,
 As here at this half century mark, today with you we stand,
 May we look into the future of that final half ahead,
 And ask for you a better era, than this whose years have sped?
 Ask these blessings for your future, ask for years of peace
 When nations learn to live in concord, and wars, at last, may cease;
 When swords shall have turned to ploughshares, and the dread atom bomb
 Shall give to industry its helpful service,
 in a world of calm;
 Give its vast power to the task of better-
 ing man's condition here on earth,
 The only real service, the only task of
 actual worth.
 May you carry on your noble work in
 those earlier years begun
 Unhampered by world tragedies met, when
 the century was young.
 Ever widening the aphelion of your in-
 fluence year by year
 As you have done through this earlier
 cycle, since you came among us here.
 Ever since upon our western border,
 through fifty years you've stood
 A presence, strong, beneficent, striving
 ever toward the good.



Effie Farnham Burns
 Poet Laureate of Lafayette

Mr. Mellen, Mr. Detmers, Mr. Gott



Memories Cluster about Thy Bright Halls

THE history of Lafayette High School actually began in 1899 when West High School, an annex to Central High School, was opened as a part of elementary school eighteen. Under Principal Arthur Detmers, many of Lafayette's songs and traditions were formed.

As the demand for high school training increased, Buffalo's two high schools, Central and Masten

Park, became overcrowded and finally plans for a third high school were drawn. From thirty-two plans, including an oil painting, a committee chose that of Esenwein and Johnson. The site of the new school was Lafayette Avenue and Baynes Street, a piece of land described as "meadow land fair." The building was to be of the Renaissance style built in the shape of a block "E" with the back of the letter fronting on Lafayette Avenue. Continued discussion over the ventilating system resulted in supplying each student with not less than 30,000 cubic feet of air per hour. The original building has a tower rising 150 feet, contains 698 windows, and was built to accommodate 1400 students.

Finally on July 4, 1901, the ground was broken by Mr. Augustus Scheu, Superintendent Emerson, and more than a dozen other notables. Then Mr. Emerson, Mr. Philip Becker Goetz, and others made speeches. Suggested names, West High and Jesse Ketchum High, were discarded in favor of Lafayette High School because of its location. The school was officially opened on September 10, 1903 with a first day's attendance of 1,050, of which 77 were possible seniors. Mr. Detmers with a faculty of thirty-six members began making Lafayette history in what was then the finest and most artistic school building in the city. Lafayette was now a real school with its colors, violet and white; its motto, "Be strong and of a good courage," suggested by the principal; and an emblem in the form of a Guardian Angel designed by a student, Lawrence Hirshburg.

In June 1906, Mr. Detmers resigned to become an instructor at the Hill School in Pottsdam, Pennsylvania, and Captain Calvert K. Mellen, instructor of mathematics at Central High School, was appointed to succeed him.

A circus at Lafayette Field.

"Cap" Mellen, as he was fondly called, served faithfully as principal until retirement in 1934. He made a lasting impression on the school, the faculty, and every student who ever came under his influence. It was at this time that Lafayette developed many traditions such as the Arbor Day Program, led by the senior boys, which included a play in May 1908. The traditional Memorial Day Program, led by the senior girls, was inaugurated on May 29, 1913. Senior receptions were held by the faculty for several years. At the reception on April 20, 1907 the faculty transformed the entrance hall and assembly room, which at that time had movable seats, into a cozy place with tables, chairs, love seats, pillows, and rugs.



Mr. Frank S. Fosdick,
principal of Masten Park High
School, with Captain Calvert K.
Mellen.



About this time the need for an actual gymnasium was felt and candy sales were held to raise funds to build one. These candy sales were held in the auditorium which was gayly decorated in a violet and white color scheme. Students in booths sold candy and souvenirs such as violet and white

caps and the like. The senior boys dispensed ice cream from their booth on the stage. An original play, *THE GORGONZOLA* by Lucius Pratt with original music by Paul Kellogg, was presented to make money for the gym. Bonds were sold to parents and friends of Lafayette by the students. It was noted that one girl gave a dollar which she had saved by walking to school and back from Hertel Avenue. Because land was not available for building the gym, efforts were turned toward the construction of the Lafayette field.

This new athletic field, on Delaware Avenue, just north of Hertel, was dedicated November 23, 1907. It included a diamond, track and courts as well as a gridiron. Its twenty-eight bleachers accommodated 2500 people. Unfortunately the financial difficulties involved were so great that during the First World War the Lafayette field had to be given up.

When Masten Park High School burned in March 1912, Lafayette invited Masten Park students and teachers, led by Mr. Frank S. Fosdick, to share their facilities. Lafayette students attended morning sessions and Masten Park students came in the afternoon from 1912-1914 while Masten was being rebuilt.

As the enrollment continued to rise, additional facilities were needed. The lunchroom under the auditorium

A candy sale in the assembly.



in which Mr. Johnson, popular custodian had sold wieners and sweet buns when the school first opened, was long since outmoded. In 1920 construction was begun on the addition to the building which was opened for use in the fall of 1921. The added space provided for a modern cafeteria, gymnasium, pool, home making department, enlarged quarters for the science and art departments, and a photographic laboratory. On November 18, 1938 this section of the building was named Memorial Hall and was dedicated to Lafayette graduates who had died in the service of their country during World War I. So through the years Lafayette's traditions and activities continued.

On June 12, 1928, a Silver Anniversary Dinner was held at which Mr. Detmers and Captain Mellen in turn conducted an assembly as each did in school. At the

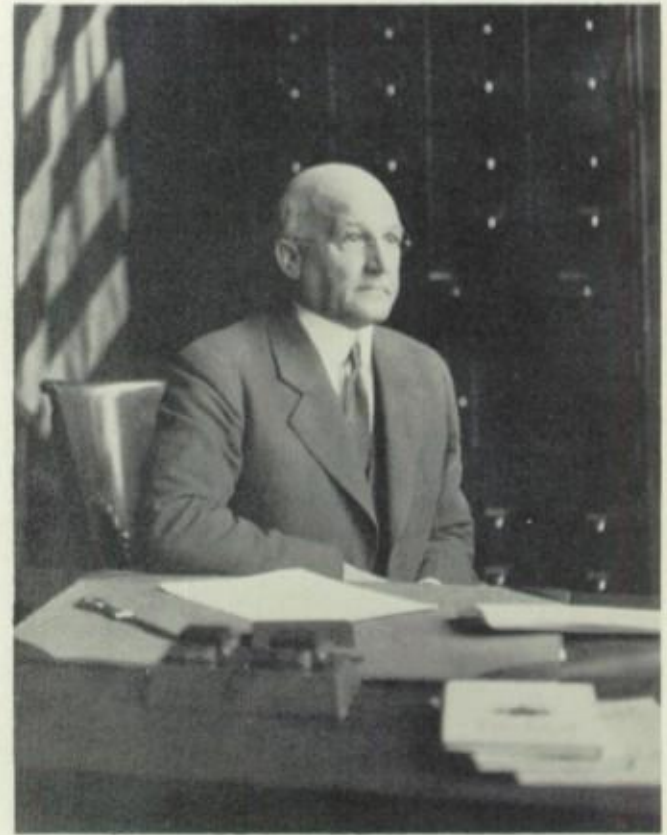
close of the assembly an Alumni Association was formed. Mr. Edwin B. Dietrich was elected first president of the association on June 21, 1928.

Mr. Frank R. Gott became principal in 1934 when Captain Mellen retired. As assistant principal to Mr. Mellen for the previous nine years, he had come to hold Captain in the highest esteem. Frequently Mr. Gott graciously welcomed Mr. Mellen to arouse enthusiasm during football assemblies or to participate in traditional Lafayette observances. He joined in appreciation of Captain's recitation of Edgar Guest's "Somebody said it couldn't be done." Mr. Gott has served faithfully and devotedly, ever striving to instill in the students the high standards and ideals of Lafayette. During Mr. Gott's time an annual Junior-Senior Prom and Armistice Day Program, under the direction of the juniors, have been added to the year's observances and the alumni association has been reinvigorated.

Physical changes have taken place about the school also. The clinic on the fourth floor was moved to the assistant principal's office on the first floor. The assistant principal's office was moved to the room next to the main office and counselors' offices were opened next door. The library, formerly at this location, was moved directly above on the second floor. The hand bell system has been replaced by the electric bell system but the hand bell is still used in times of emergency. The air pressure clocks were changed to electric ones, and were taken out of the rooms and placed in the corridors. The auditorium was repainted in 1949 and the entire interior of the school was decorated in attractive pastel colors in 1952. At the same time the rooms were renumbered. The front lawn was landscaped and enclosed by an iron fence in 1950.

Even the approach to the school has changed. Since October 1952, students crossing Colonial Circle have admired the statue of General Bidwell, for whom the adjacent parkway was named.

The courses of study have changed from chiefly college entrance to commercial. For many years, there was only one business teacher but now there are six. Additional facilities have been provided for the commercial courses such as two typing rooms. Boys have enjoyed wood work and cabinet making classes under the direction of Mr. Kollassa for twenty-five years. In the fall of 1951, an additional shop was opened which provided for training in printing, plastics, and ceramic making, under the guidance of Mr. Temnitz. Also in the fall of 1951, the study room system was changed to one in which the students are divided into more than thirty roll call rooms.



"Cap" at his desk



During the First World War Captain Mellen trained two companies of men. We see one company here shouldering wooden guns.



Mr. Gott in 1935.

Last year teachers participated in the Buffalo Industrial and Education Day exercises for the first time. In the spring of 1952, the teachers enjoyed their visit to the industrial plants; in the fall, the industrialists made a return visit to the schools. Mr. Gott noted that many were eager to visit with their former teachers.

During Lafayette's existence, three wars have occurred and Lafayette has willingly offered her services. At the time of the First World War, the students sold \$1,053,400.00 worth of Liberty Bonds. Students sewed and knitted garments, made hospital pillows, and prepared comfort kits for the American Red Cross. During the Second World War Lafayette sent subscriptions to the READER'S DIGEST to our boys and girls in service. Before each Armistice Day and Memorial Day, Lafayette students join with the John A. Boechat Post in honoring our war dead.

As Lafayette students participate in the traditional assembly programs each year, they eagerly look forward to Commencement night in June at Kleinhans' Music Hall. At that time many awards and scholarships are presented, among them the four year honor roll pins and the Detmers-Mellen Alumni Scholarship.

Former students recall the many happy experiences they have had, the numerous and lasting friendships they have made, and the inspiring companionship which they have shared with their teachers. Days at Lafayette High School are never forgotten by those who have attended and those who have taught here.





MR. ARTHUR DETMERS

PRINCIPAL, 1903-1906

"**R**ARE gifts of heart and mind made Arthur Detmers an outstanding and inspiring leader of young people. He added nobility to the profession which he deemed the greatest single factor in the welfare of mankind." wrote Philip Becker Goetz, member of the original Lafayette faculty. Students recalled "the kindly influence and strength of a man whose ideals were those of faithfulness and honor" and remarked that "among the greatest pleasures of their school life were the piano solos played nearly every morning in assembly by Mr. Detmers." He inspired students with an interest in art, presenting "Job" or readings from Shakespeare or great music. Early Lafayette graduates remember A. D. with deep admiration; generations who never knew him have sung the Alma Mater Song he composed

"Not in the rush and whirl of the city,
Vexed by the busy throng and press,
But with the tree tops waving about her,
Sitteth the Queen whose praise our lips confess.

Loud sing her praises, each heart upraises!
Violet and White forever stainless be!
Life's strong endeavor, love naught can sever,
These be our off'ring to thee, to thee!"

CAPTAIN CALVERT K. MELLEN
PRINCIPAL 1906-1934



CAPTAIN MELLEN'S career as an educator covered a period of fifty years and during these years, he won the love and respect of thousands of people everywhere. His hearty greeting and warm hand-clasp, his kindness and courtesy, his tolerance and sense of justice, his integrity and patriotism - all these marked him as a man of noble character; but perhaps his most endearing trait was his firm faith in the essential goodness of his students. He loved them and they responded in kind. Many young people have found themselves accomplishing that which they had thought impossible as they remembered Captain Mellen quoting those well known lines from Edgar Guest,

"Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
But he with a chuckle replied,
That maybe it couldn't, but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it."

"It Couldn't Be Done" is from THE COLLECTED
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Our Assistant Principals

Lafayette has been fortunate in her assistant principals. Mr. Charles Elbert Rhodes, head of the English department, became assistant principal in 1918. His "A Student's Prayer" suggests his sincere attitude toward his profession but gives no idea of his vast knowledge of books.



Help me this day to keep my body under control, to train my mind in the great truths of life and to grow in spiritual power. Let me not slight my task, however hard it be. Enable me to look upon this day and every day as a series of opportunities, as a part of life that cannot be recalled. Keep me from the sin of thoughtlessness, from the slough of sluggishness, and from the bane of conceit. Keep me ever mindful that I am but a learner and that Thy truth is large. Give me an open mind, a loving heart and a will that yields, not too easily, but upon sufficient evidence. May I be always reverent. And at the close of day, may I be a little wiser, a little stronger, a little better, and thus more fit for tomorrow's tasks and for life.

Amen

Charles Elbert Rhodes

Mr. Frank R. Gott was appointed when Mr. Rhodes became principal of Bennett High School in 1925. His success as assistant principal was demonstrated when Mr. Mellen, the faculty, and the students welcomed him as principal at Captain's retirement in 1934.

Mr. Himmele, member of the social science department and very successful debate coach, succeeded to the position. His loyal service to Lafayette was interrupted in 1941 when he left to serve his country. In 1948 he returned, a lieutenant colonel. We are pleased that as the present Co-ordinator for Secondary Schools he remembers us kindly.



Lafayette High School has completed fifty years of service to the children and citizens of Buffalo. The record of this half century devoted to the enrichment of the lives of thousands of pupils is one of which all who have any association therewith, or who have made a contribution thereto, can be most proud. The influence of an institution of this high character upon the lives and achievements of all who came within its walls cannot be measured, but we must know that its light has been carried to all parts of this nation and to many far flung parts of the world. So all of us can join in this anniversary celebration in sincere appreciation of the quality of Leadership, Honor, and Service which have prevailed at Lafayette High School for fifty years.

Irvin H. Himmele

We lived under the pleasant regime of Mr. Carl S. Walz, assistant principal from 1941-1948 until he was transferred to East High School. Now as assistant principal of Bennett High School, he sends us his greetings.



It was my good fortune to begin my teaching career at Lafayette High School in the days of "Cap" Mellen and also to have continued under your present principal Frank R. Gott. I also served as Assistant Principal of the old plant for seven years, and I look back on these experiences with great pleasure.

May I, on this your fiftieth anniversary express my congratulations to the present faculty and student body for having so successfully carried on the Lafayette traditions.

Carl S. Walz

THE FACULTY IN 1904

ROW ONE: E. Hirshfield, A. Ganser, E. Weiffenbach, M. de Zielinska, C. Freeman, K. Van Arnham, A. Detmers, Mrs. H. Fullerton, Mrs. C. MacNaughton, H. Poole, W. Hartell, E. Merritt

ROW TWO: C. Allen, C. E. Rhodes, P. B. Goetz, T. Scanlon, F. Underwood, C. Siekmann, E. Burns, W. Davis, L. Brown, E. Hickman, L. Schnabel, C. Sangster, E. J. Nichols

ROW THREE: A. Battey, J. Butler, M. Colt, M. Harte, M. Schaffer



The Faculty

LAFAYETTE is rightfully proud of her principals and assistant principals. Yet none could have accomplished the excellent work of the school without the help of the many loyal teachers who have served Lafayette faithfully and well. The lives of all Lafayette students have been influenced by the inspiring and friendly companionship shared by the students and faculty. Many will recall fond memories of these teachers who devoted themselves to Lafayette:

Ruth M. Allen, Rose Annowski, Agnes Barton, Agnes Bartow, Elizabeth Bartow, William Baxter, Janis Barker, Eugene W. Bebout, Geneva Bellinger, Marguerite L. Borron, Eleanor Brettle, Frederick Brewster, Clara Brogan, Kathleen Burns, Antoinette Burt, Anthony J. Caccamo, Alfred Cardenas, Kathryn Carlton French, Ella H. Chamberlain, Ellis Champlin, Myrta Clarke, Alice Corell, Lauren Courtade, Ruth C. Culliton, Margaret R. Cunningham, Grace Danforth, Mildred Daniels, Jennie Davis, Helen Day, John Demerly, Violet Demler, Rose A. Dipasquale, Caroline Divins, Mary L. Doney, Elizabeth Dugan, Julia Dunham, Juliette Duval White

Ida Elliott, Pauline Ellis, Estelle Emerson, Esther Engleman, Mary Farnham, Veronica Farrell, Harriet Finson, Elizabeth Flood, Florence Foster, Helen Frank, Irving G. Geib, Edmund Girond, Louis Gitin, Martha S. Goodell,

THE FACULTY IN 1927

ROW ONE: L. Kempner, E. Cartwright, H. Tillou, C. Kneubuehl, F. Gott, Captain Mellen, K. Reif, K. Kunz, M. Walz, H. Howell, E. Davis, H. Morgan Burley

ROW TWO: D. Hilfinger, M. Clark, H. Poole, F. Dunne, K. Tehan, G. Manning, H. Hedden, M. O'Hern, E. McDonald, M. Ploss, M. Doran

ROW THREE: D. Croll, J. Beach, M. Williams, R. K. Hall, K. Doyie, M. Lawler, A. Bredemeier, M. Coonly, A. Quirk, A. Ellis

ROW FOUR: C. Diviney, N. MacKenzie, M. Lieber, N. Burke, M. Agnew, C. Taylor, J. Mickle, E. Weiffenbach

ROW FIVE: J. Scherer, E. Svensson, C. Sangster, E. Rogers, C. Case, K. Barcalo, S. Swain, R. Weigand, J. Cotter, A. Wilson, J. Warner, M. Dayton, E. Yates, E. Nachbar, B. Wittlief, H. Lange, W. Hartell, F. Lopez

ROW SIX: A. Joslyn, C. Hartzell, A. Hammond, T. Woods, R. Hoag, B. Goldstein, P. Gilray, R. Drake, K. McConnell, J. Burt, E. Spurr, F. Pitt, C. Cowan Lindstrom

ROW SEVEN: H. Jocoy, K. Gatley, M. Weppner, M. Merle, L. Hinaman, C. Potter, O. Schmidt



Hildegard Graf Scott, Freda Greenberg, Janet Griffiths, Lillian Gruener, Clara A. Haas, John J. Hallahan, Paul E. Harris, Kate B. Hathaway, William Heeb, Marion Hershiser Robinson, Frances Hickman, Claiborn R. Hill, Harry Hopkins Hubbell, Helen Huston, Ida E. Jenkins, Mina Johnston, Ruth Jones, Mary C. Kammerer, Margaret E. Kelly, Blanche Kempner, Emma Klipfel, Alma Koletschke, Austa Kuney, Kate L'Hommedieu, Julia Lockwood, Katherine Logan, Dorris Z. Loomis

Winifred McCarthy, Florence MacClelland, Marion MacDonald, Mary M. Marck, Laura Marvin, Helen Marhsall, Myrtle Massey, Margaret E. Maxwell, Ellen McCarthy Bieleski, Margaret McCarthy, Mary K. McDermott, Marie McEvoy, Helen McGarvey, Robert C. McGowan, Peter McGuire, Edward J. McNamara, Charlotte Meagher, Mary Merington, Mildred Mueller, Irving J. Mulde, Vera Nickl, Helen Nies, Evelyn Notman, Florence Oberist, Bridie S. O'Day, Clifford Orr, Dorothy Pellman, Ethel Quinn, Emma Raeker, Louise Reimold, Estelle Ricigliano, Anne E. Roosa, Henry Rosenbaum, Alfred Rothman, Eugenia Sage

Imogene Sanborn, Edith Savage, Katherine Schoepperle, Katherine W. Schulz, Hilda Schwarz, Millard F. Scott, Elizabeth Shapleigh, Estelle Sheehan, Helena Sheehan, Marie J. Schroeder, Wilfred Sherk, Eleanor Siegesmund, Donald Smith, Alfred Smith, Lola Smith, Katharine Streater, Helen Taber Hood, Grace Teeter, Lucretia Terry, Lona Thurber, Maude Tobey, Catherine Valente, Prudence Veatch, Portia Walker Little, Mildred D. Warnhoff, Dorothy Warren, Julia Wechter, Ida Weimar, Irene Wendling, Ruth Wilfert, Marie Wolcott, Lulu Woodworth



THE tribute given to Miss Elizabeth Weiffenbach at a special assembly on June 10, 1952 indicated in small part the esteem and love she earned during forty-nine years at Lafayette. Just before this occasion the school's motto, Loyalty, Honor, Service, was placed in gold letters below the proscenium arch in the auditorium at Miss Weiffenbach's request. An acrostic, for Miss Weiffenbach, written by Miss Dela K. Hilfinger, beloved former English teacher at Lafayette, was presented by the students.

Portrait of a Teacher

The portrait painter endeavors to give an interpretation of the personality he is considering. We should like to create a portrait of Miss Weiffenbach, for we feel that we have learned to know her well enough to trace her likeness. Each of the characteristics we shall present is a significant part of her personality.

Wisdom is a rare quality which gives life and power to all other gifts of mind and spirit. It is the product of living, of learning and of giving.

Effectiveness implies the ability to share one's wisdom with others. To a teacher this is an indispensable asset.

Insight enables an individual to understand others so that she may truly educate them, drawing from them the talents others might slight.

Friendliness makes the daily routine more harmonious, more productive of the best a school has to offer.

Fortitude is the quality of spirit which encourages a teacher to scale great heights in her ideals for herself and her students, scorning the feeling of discouragement which so often confronts her.

Endurance helps her to continue, even when the daily routine demands great effort, patience and skill.

Nobility is a precious asset which gives to the ordinary task a touch of greatness, marking the generous sharing of one's own power.

Belief in others gives the teacher the power to draw from her students the effort and confidence so essential to their own development.

Appreciation lends to the daily intercourse a rich glow of pleasure which encourages a student to give of his best effort.

Cheerfulness makes a comfortable classroom, with an atmosphere of good will conducive to friendly associations and accomplishment.

Honesty is one of life's greatest virtues. Honesty with herself and with others is basic in Miss Weiffenbach's nature and has been a vital factor in her success as a teacher and as a friend.

This is our portrait. It is the likeness of a fine person, a loyal friend and an inspired teacher, Miss Elizabeth Weiffenbach. We hold her in great esteem, knowing that through the years she has contributed greatly to the school she has so proudly served.

May we suggest that this tribute for Miss Weiffenbach might well have been written for Miss Hilfinger also?

In Memoriam



MISS DELA K. HILFINGER

*M*ISS HILFINGER once wrote, "If a Utopian school evolves, it will come as a result of the contagion of learning which will have its inception in a scholarly attitude on the part of both instructors and students." Toward such a school she contributed greatly. Deeply appreciative of beauty, unstinting in her effort to work with others for it, warmly sympathetic with human vagaries, she inspired both associates and students. With the skill of a great teacher, she shared her knowledge and disposed us toward books. Miss Hilfinger lives in the minds and hearts of innumerable individuals who remember gratefully her guidance toward a better life.



The Graduating Class of 1904

*"Entwined Shall
Thy Honor
and Ours
Ever Be"*

FROM the time of her very first class Lafayette High School has graduated students who have brought honor to her and to themselves. "For the purpose of rewarding with special recognition the outstanding athletic stars of the year", THE LAFAYETTE ORACLE of 1924 started a department called "The Hall of Fame." It gave first place to Ray P. Diehl, 1925, now consulting engineer in Oklahoma City, who in his senior year was class president, member of the football team, a senior marshal, and honor student. If we were to include such a department now to recognize outstanding Lafayette graduates in all fields, we should write books enough to fill the Lafayette library.

May we instead reminisce proudly concerning a few of the vast Lafayette family as we leaf the pages of old ORACLES? Among the class of 1904 grouped at the girls' entrance, we seek Frank Wilson, retired head of the United States Secret Service and consultant on security for the Atomic Bomb Commission.

The prophecy for the class of 1908, refers to Paul Hoy Helms, the class historian, "The next three names, Wood, Dodd, and Helms, will go down in history for they have induced all the great powers to accept a new type of harmless battleship (Wood's invention) and thus done away with the peace conference at the Hague." WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA, which records his graduation from Lafayette, indicates among many other things, that Mr. Helm is instead the president of Helms Foundation, Inc., director of the Los Angeles branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and director of the DeMille Foundation.

WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA lists other Lafayette graduates. Among them is Leslie Dunn, 1911, now a famous author, geneticist, and professor of zoology at Columbia University, who is included in our ORACLE in football and cross country pictures. Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, Frank Moore was graduated from Lafayette in 1914. Charles Kendall, 1926, since 1949 the general counsel for the National Security Board, led a full life at Lafayette, participating in the Lafayette Club, declamation contests, orchestra activities, and debate for three years. Thelma Altman, 1936, who thrilled her fellow students when she sang, won first place in a mezzo soprano voice contest in 1935. Many will recall the spring concert of 1936 when Thelma Altman sang "Open Thy Blue Eyes" by Massenet; others will remember gratefully her generosity in singing at the school's forty-second anniversary and alumni reunion of 1945, the last Captain Mellen ever attended, and in assembly the next day. Since 1943 she has been a member of the Metropolitan Opera.

We feel pride in our athletes led by Charles Reidpath, Buffalo Director of Buildings of whom the class prophecy of 1908 said, "Another who is always in the lime light is Charles Reidpath that marvelously fast runner, recently appointed by the city a special officer to catch automobiles who exceed the speed limit." This idea was probably suggested by Charles Reidpath's setting the record of 58 $\frac{2}{5}$ seconds for the 440 yard dash and 22 $\frac{3}{4}$ seconds for the 220 yard dash. Following his spectacular running in the 1912 Olympics when he covered 400 meters in 48.2 seconds, he was welcomed at a rousing assembly still remembered by students and faculty of that time.

The Class officers of 1910 include Mildred C. Smith, literary editor of PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and Martin F. Hilfinger, president of Associated Industries of the State of New York. Miss Smith's interests are suggested by her position on the ORACLE literary staff. According to an ORACLE account Martin Hilfinger was "a versatile man." Actually he was an honor student, football player, suggested president of the "Senior Six Foot Club," and a member of the cast of "The Shakespeare Water Cure" in which he played the part of Hamlet. The article explains, "Especially does he deserve credit for his work in the management of the basketball team which has been able to pay its own expenses and turn over a surplus to the Athletic Association. A large share of the credit of doing it should go to Hilfinger. His work deserves the more praise because in the midst of the basketball season, he worked on the debate team which defeated West High School of Rochester."

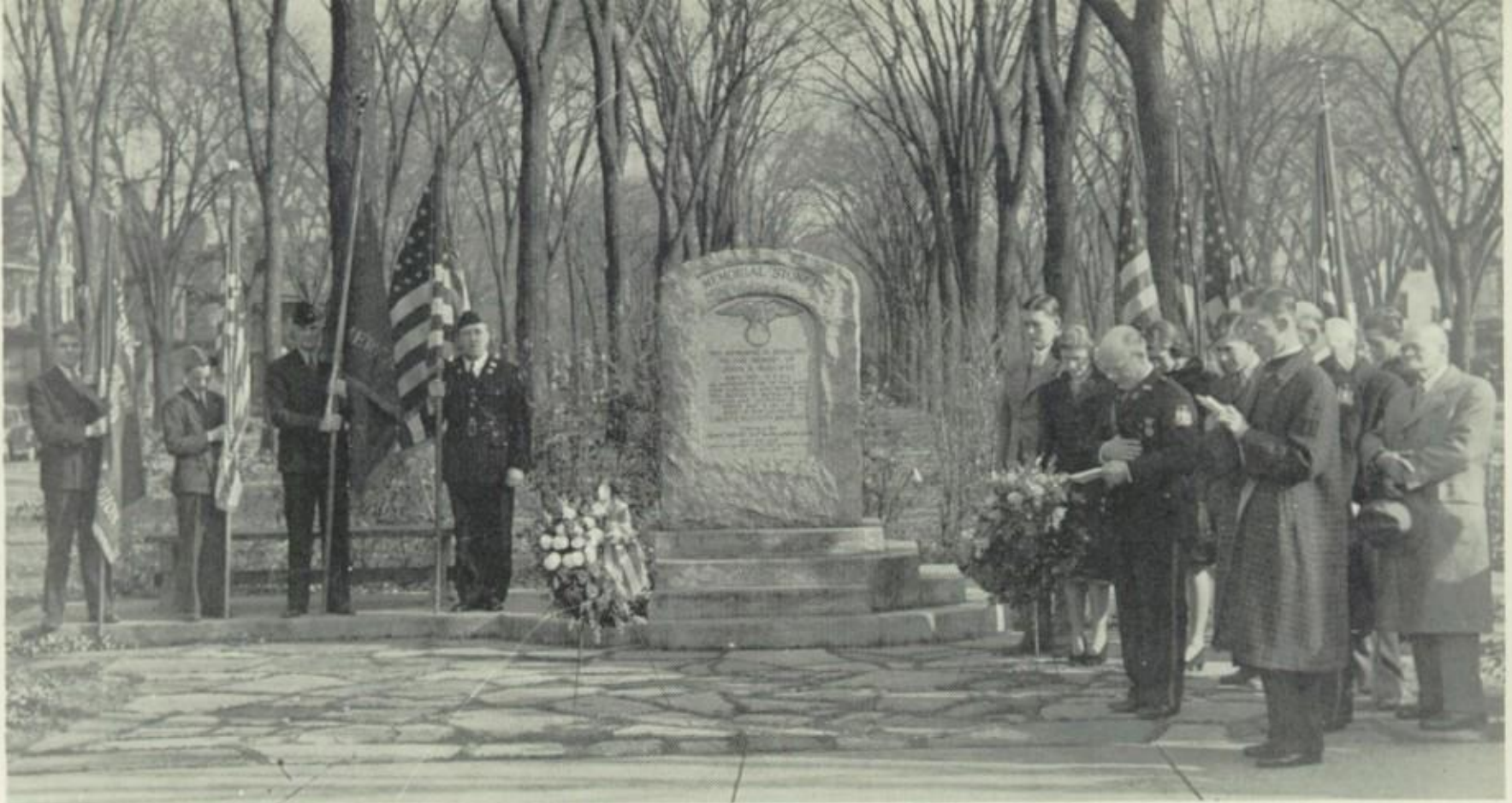
More and more we realize the immensity of our undertaking. We pause to notice William Gehring, 1917, now of Twentieth Century Fox, who during his days at Lafayette was football captain, player of basketball and baseball, president of Lafayette Club and boys' senior marshal. Joseph Hill, 1922, head of Baylor University laboratories; Frank J. Dressler, 1926, supervisor of social studies; Walter Mahoney, 1926, of the state senate; Justin Morgan, 1917, of the state assembly; Samuel Magavern, 1924, member of the New York State Board of Welfare; and Winifred Stanley, 1926, former congresswoman received their training at Lafayette. Miss Stanley, honor student for four years, wrote for the ORACLE and participated in school plays. We like to hope that Timothy Joseph Burke, 1933, now American Consulate General at Milan, Italy, thinks occasionally of his experiences in the glee club, school concerts, Spanish club and cross country races during his days at Lafayette. We know that Bruce Shanks, cartoonist of the BUFFALO EVENING NEWS, is grateful for his art training under Miss Weiffenbach.

Recent graduates have already gained distinction. Buckley Kozlov is staff member of the radio networks in Radio City, New York. Max Schneider, 1930, recently popular young doctor at the General Hospital, is studying now under a coveted fellowship to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston. Thomas Schwob, 1947, prominent in sports and dramatics, recently spoke at Lafayette in his capacity as advertising man for all Western New York High Schools and colleges in the interests of the United States armed services.

In 1951 Jack Smart, 1922, of radio fame, returned to Lafayette to see "The Old Plant" and to recall the happy days when he played football, swam on Lafayette teams and worked on the ORACLE art staff. We like to think that Lafayette graduates often think of such a visit, for we know they don't forget. We hope that many availed themselves of the opportunity to recall old times and to observe the present, during the fiftieth anniversary festivities in May, too late for us to print.

Miss Weiffenbach converses with her former student Mr. Jack Smart.





Our Honored Dead

THE Memorial Stone at Colonial Circle perpetuates the deep feeling of Lafayette High School for her students who entered the service of their country and did not return. The John A. Boechat post, named for a graduate of the class of 1912, was instrumental in erecting the monument, which was dedicated on John A. Boechat's birthday, May 29 in 1936. Millington Lockwood, president of the class of 1936, spoke for Lafayette students.

For years the members of the Post have shared with Lafayette students commemorative services in Lafayette's Mellen Memorial Auditorium and at the Memorial Stone. During Memorial Day services, presented each year by the senior girls, the senior secretary transfers the custody of the memorial stone to the junior class, through their vice president. As year follows year and new names are added to the list of our honored dead, Lafayette students, teachers, and Post members speak with respect of their courage and honor the sacrifice of those who fought unto death for peace and freedom in the world.

OUR HONORED DEAD OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR: Eugene W. Allen '15, 1st Class Sgt., Harry A. Bliss '13, Sgt. John A. Boechat '12, Kenneth Carter '17, Ens. Harry G. Catchpole '15, Corp. Maxwell Eugene Chamberlin '15, 1st Lieut. Clarence M. Collord '13, Henry Harrison Cummings '16, Corp. Carl M. Darling '06, Lieut. Raymond F. Fox '09, Acting-Lieut. Walter E. Gies '09, Edward Foreman Graham '09, Sgt. William Lowell Grove '09, Pvt. Fred A. Heerwagen '10, Walter W. Hitzel '07, Pvt. Roy L. Holbrook '16, Platoon Sgt. Frank F. Holtz '14, George K. Houtt '10, Sgt. Reginald J. Hudson '15, Oliver Phelps Jackson '08, Sgt. Walter R. Jeffrey '13, 1st Class Seaman Stanley Kennebrook '09, Eldred M. Kientz '30, Lieut. Harold B. Logan '15, 1st Lieut. Thompson Lothrop '06, 2nd Lieut. John MacArthur '09, Sgt. Archibald MacMillan Jr. '15, Donald K. McCreary '14, James B. McCreary '12, Edward R. Pearson '12, Corp. Bryant Piper '14, 1st Lieut. Chester H. Plimpton '11, 2nd Lieut. Sanford Potter '17, Corp. Jack R. Ricketts '16, Harold D. Ross '12, 1st Lieut. Fay M. Scott '11, Sgt. Alfred H. Stokes '12, Naval Aviator Hector W. Treble '12, Sgt. Maurice Allen Wall '08, Radio Electrician 1st Class William D. Woodcock '14.

After December 1941 when more sacrifice was required of able young men, Lafayette students contributed their full share. At succeeding Armistice Day and Memorial Day assemblies, Boechat Post Commanders presented silver star citations to the parents of Lafayette High School boys injured and gold star citations to the parents of those killed in the service of their country.

OUR HONORED DEAD OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR: P. T. RCAF William Bartlemay '43, SI/C Joseph N. Battaglia '34, Lieut. Joseph F. Bernhardt '31, Lt. Col. Arthur W. Betts '39, Lt. Col. James H. Bosworth '11,



During World War II, Lafayette held many ceremonies at which she honored Lafayette boys in the service. Present for such an occasion were STANDING: Mr. Mellen, Mr. Gott, Mr. Kolassa, Mr. Michael Boechat; SEATED: Mr. Russell J. Battaglia, Mrs. Battaglia. Captain Mellen had the honor in 1944 of presenting the Purple Heart Certificate, the Presidential Citation and The Purple Heart, posthumously, to the parents of Joseph N. Battaglia, who lost his life in the Pacific Area.

Pfc. Jack W. Bowen '41, Lieut. Richard E. Boye '36, Lieut. Richard J. Brace '37, Pvt. Philip G. Burlingame '37, Cpl. Edward J. Collins '35, Pvt. Frank B. Corry '44, Lieut. Ralph W. Cox '37, Pvt. Teofil J. Czech '41, Pvt. (paratrooper) William J. Dellapenta '41, Corp. John J. Durkin '38, HA2/C Winfield M. Dusenbury '43, Pvt. Lloyd G. Easton '41, Pfc. Gerald F. Ellis '36, F/O John G. Evernden '39, Lieut. Milton I. Fineberg '36, Lieut. Robert S. Frost '40, Lieut. Louis S. Gallo '38, Corp. Louis Garbarsky '41, Lieut. John R. Bersting '40, USMCR Pfc. Alvin P. Gibbs '42, Lieut. Norman H. Goldberg '36, Techn. Sgt. Edward J. Griffin '34, Corp. Adolf W. Guniewicz '35, Sgt. Harold L. Hamlin '39, Col. Robert D. Hausauer '22, Lieut. John Alan Heard '39, Lieut. John W. Henrich '24, Pvt. Joel Heysel '42, Lieut. James C. Holfelner '33, Sgt. Robert Holloway '34, Lieut. William G. Houck '36, Pfc. William L. Jarvis '41, Pfc. Arnold T. Johnson '42, Capt. Joseph G. Kalbfleisch '37, Pfc. William F. Kinney '40, Lieut. Albert B. Konikoff '36, Lieut. Commander Charles Lade '13, Pfc. Anthony C. LaDuca '37, Pfc. Harry F. Markson '43, Sgt. RCAF Paul J. Maroney '40, Corp. William E. Mathias '39, F/O John A. Matteson, Jr. '14, Corp. Anthony J. McGowan '38, Pvt. Jack J. McMahon '33, Lieut. Richard S. McNamara '41, Pfc. Edward J. Murphy '40, Lieut. Rodney B. Nugle '35, Corp. Frank C. O'Leary '43, Pfc. Raymond E. Pallini '38, CI/C William N. Patterson '39, Pvt. James G. Perry '43, F. O. Maurice J. Powsner '40, Sgt. William T. Puff '39, Capt. Joseph J. Pugach '39, Pvt. Robert C. Reece '41, Pfc. Kenneth P. Reiller '40, Lieut. John Robb '39, Sgt. Earl M. Rood '30, Lieut. Milton A. Sahl '40, Pfc. Eugene C. Schohn '41, USMCR Pvt. Jack W. Schunk '43, Capt. Richard A. Seaman '33, Lieut. Roy M. Slaper '45, CT Capt. Allen E. Smith '34, Pfc. Thomas J. Smith '42, NAC James C. Stephan '40, Lieut. Charles M. Taggart '30, Pfc. Ignatius P. Territo '36, Lieut. Robert M. Totaro '40, S 2/C Robert K. Voisinet '39, S/T Henry L. Wagner '34, Pvt. Robert S. Weir '38, Lieut. Merle S. Wood '34, S/Sgt. Robert Wood '40, Lieut. William J. Zimmer '37.

Again we feel pride in the gallantry of Lafayette boys; we pay honor to those who gave their young lives in the Korean conflict.

OUR HONORED DEAD OF THE KOREAN WAR: Pfc. Peter Heyl '49, Tech. Thomas Ricotta '44, Pfc. Ronald Schamberger '50.

Now as we bow our heads in prayer for peace, especially on Armistice Day and Memorial Day, we remember Lafayette boys, dead in three wars, who had no chance to grow old nor to realize their dreams.

Are we of the present worthy of our magnificent past?



LED by such far-sighted men as Mr. Arthur Detmers, Captain Calvert K. Mellen, and Mr. Frank R. Gott, Lafayette's beloved teachers have gone beyond the call of duty in keeping the students' interest uppermost in their minds. Mr. Detmer's poem became the prayer of all.

" To grow a little wiser day by day,
To school my mind and body to obey,
To keep my inner life both clean and strong,
To free my lips from guile-my hands from wrong,
To shut the door on hate-and scorn-and pride,
To open them to love the windows wide,
To meet with cheerful heart what comes to me,
To turn life's discords into harmony,
To share some weary worker's heavy load,
To point some straying comrade to the road,
To know that what I have is not my own,
To feel that I am never quite alone
 This would I pray from day to day,
 For then I know my life will flow
 In peace until it be God's will
 I go."

Administration



MR. FRANK R. GOTT

Principal since 1934

Thousands will always remember Mr. Gott for his friendly words of guidance and encouragement to the students and his loyalty and devotion to the school.

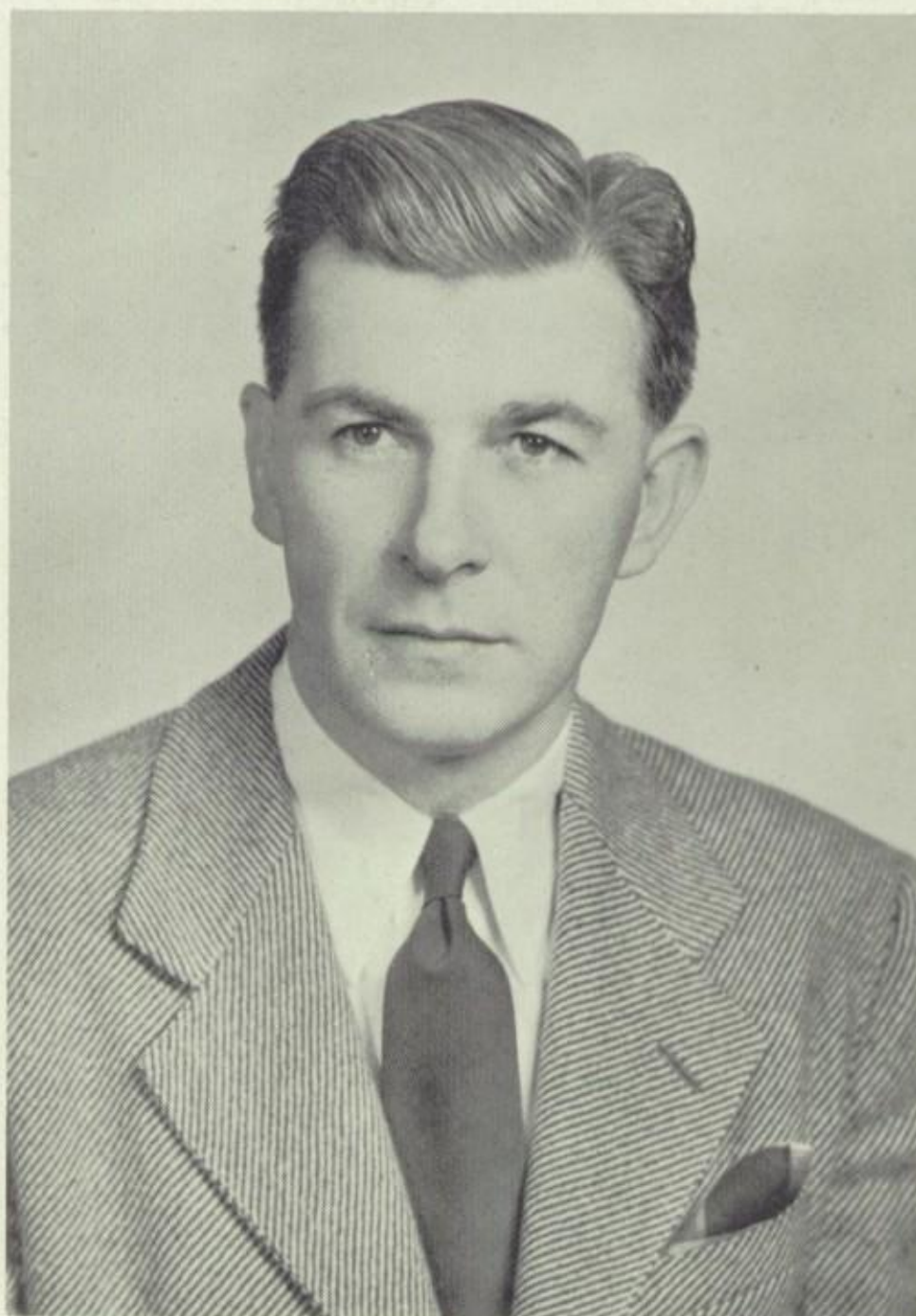
MESSAGE to the SENIORS

*M*AY I congratulate the seniors upon the unique distinction of being members of the fiftieth class to graduate from Lafayette High School, upon the privilege of sharing in the Golden Anniversary and upon the unusual opportunities confronting them to render service to their communities, state, and nation with loyalty and honor?

Frank R. Gott

MR. FRANK J. KELLY

Assistant Principal since 1951



Mr. Kelly, ever friendly and helpful, has been the one to whom many have turned in time of perplexities. Most of us in recalling Lafayette will think of him with fond memories.

MESSAGE to the SENIORS

FOR a half-century Lafayette has been a reservoir of those principles and ideals which tend to develop character and worthy citizenship. Now it is your turn to accept full responsibility for the use you make of them. May you all prove worthy to take your place among the thousands of Alumni who continuously reflect honor on their Alma Mater.

Frank J. Kelly



ROW ONE: D. Croll, K. Reif, M. Coonly, M. Wechter, F. Pitt, M. Merle, C. Hall, E. Hawkins, M. Schulz
 ROW TWO: J. Stall, T. Hertkorn, C. Catuzzi, F. R. Gott, F.J. Kelly, M. L. Nice, Adalene Hall, E. Link
 D. Dinsmore, and H. Howell are not in the picture.

Faculty

*M*R. MELLEEN used to question members of the faculty, "Do you like teaching here, sister?" An affirmative answer has been given by many who have served Lafayette well "for quite a part of a lifetime."



ROW ONE: M. Doran, H. Frost, N. MacKenzie, K. Knoll, M. Shroeder, H. Albright, E. McDonald, H. Reigel
 ROW TWO: J. Scherer, R. Temnitz, G. Monroe, H. Jocoy, J. Smith, J. Peek, J. Corcoran, R. Johnston, W. Unger,
 A. Whalley
 I. Nagel, S. Kolassa and T. Woods are not in the picture.



ROW ONE: H. Hedden, M. Iulg, M. Williams, M. Clark, E. Rogers, E. Dushane, M. Dushane
 ROW TWO: Agnes Hall, P. Gilray, E. Svensson, M. Wenzel, C. Baker
 H. Brennan, C. Hartzell and G. Rogers are absent from the picture.

LAFAYETTE GRADUATES ON THE FACULTY

*M*EMBERS of the present faculty can reminisce concerning their student days and teaching years at Lafayette. We are proud of their devoted loyalty as alumni and teachers.

Faculty Notes

*T*HIS year's faculty consists of fifty-five members who continue to strive to instill in their students lofty ambitions and high ideals.

A few changes have taken place since last June. We regret the loss of three of last year's faculty. Our congratulations go to Mr. Louis Gitin on his appointment as assistant principal at Hutchinson High School; we wish happiness to Miss Mary Marck who is now teaching at Kensington High School and Mrs. Dorothy Caldwell who went to McKinley High School.

We welcome most heartily Mr. Carmen Catuzzi, our boys' guidance counselor, who came to us from School 39; Mrs. Helen Brennan, our new cafeteria manager, from McKinley High School; and Miss Marguerite Rains, our office stenographer, from Seneca High School.

When we returned to school last fall, we were pleased to hear of the marriage of Mrs. Hawkins, formerly Miss Borchard. During the Thanksgiving vacation Miss Bigelow became Mrs. Frost. We extend our best wishes and hopes for a very happy married life to both.

We congratulate Miss Janice Smith of the art department who won \$100 in an international photographic contest. The picture appeared in the color section of POPULAR PHOTOGRAPHY MAGAZINE.

The teachers at Lafayette have influenced many students. Mr. Gott noted that Lafayette alumni who visited the school on B. I. E. day were especially eager to see their former teachers.

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EACH year the classes record and strengthen the traditions of the past as they look to the future. Led by the good example of the senior class, the citizens of tomorrow begin assuming responsibilities. In each mind, this year especially, is the memory of the 12,301 graduates who have contributed to Lafayette during the half century of her existence. Today's students swell the volume of those who gladly sing the Alma Mater.

"Our kinships here will soon be ended,
And into life we'll make our way,
Our friendships here will all be severed,
And fade as does the dying day.
Yet what in life be fate or fortune,
The ties of White and Violet,
Will keep us loyal and devoted,
To thee our Lafayette."

Students of 1953

Classes



Joseph V. Merlo
President



Judith J. Overman
Vice President

SENIOR OFFICERS



Patricia A. Steger
Secretary



William F. Penman
Treasurer



Shirley A. Wright
Historian



John E. Adams
Historian



Joan M. Dean
ORACLE Editor

THROUGH the years Lafayette seniors have held the place of prominence as leaders of the school. In that capacity present seniors are recipients of special privileges: the most fashionable lunch hour, the best seats in assembly, and permission to leave school early. They are directed by officers, chosen after considerable electioneering. At the end of the year, some have loving cups to denote their usefulness to the school.

Juniors, just one step removed from highest responsibility, elect their officers and share the prom in May. Sophomores have found their places in the school routine. They are pleased to be relieved of criticizing glances from upper classmen and happy to look down on their successors. But this year's freshmen, confused perhaps at first, have contributed their enthusiasm. Their purchase of ORACLES suggests at once that they are a real part of our school.

The formation of the first formal classes at Lafayette High School began in September 1903 and early in the spring of 1904, the first senior class was organized with about one hundred members. Rapidly the enrollment rose from the original 1050 until it reached its peak in 1923-1924 with 1289 boys and 1174 girls. At this time the school operated on a double session. The upper classmen came at 8:30 and stayed through the seventh period. Third period marked the arrival of the under classmen. Two separate assemblies were held. During this time every available corner was used. Sometimes four classes were carried on simultaneously in different parts of the auditorium and large classes overflowed from small fourth floor rooms. Today Lafayette has the smallest registration in her history. The student body numbers fewer than a thousand and the class of 1953 includes 206 who expect to be graduated. Students past and present have one thing in common, a deep pride in their school.

The formation of homerooms is as old as the school itself. When the school opened, the senior boys took possession of Room 3 where as time advanced they hung their foot-balls and pictures of their teams. The senior girls moved into Room 11. Senior spirit was high under the direction of Miss Freeman, Miss Hathaway, Miss Goonly of Room 3 and Miss Hirshfield, Miss Waittie Davis, Miss Sangster, Miss Spurr, Miss Howell of Room 11. (The rooms are now numbered 110 and 209 respectively.) This division of seniors was discontinued in September 1942 when girls far outnumbered boys as a result of conditions during the Second World War. The large homerooms ceased, to be in September 1951. Now the seniors are divided into six groups including boys and girls.

Life was active during the early days. Under Mr. Detmer's leadership great enthusiasm was aroused for the purchase of a grand piano for the assembly. In a few month's time over \$1,037 was collected for the piano fund. It was during this same time that Lafayette observed its first Arbor Day on May 6, 1904 by planting ivy in front of the school. On October 14, 1904 the first of a series of class receptions was inaugurated

with a junior class reception. It was on the following evening that the building was seen for the first time under the glare of electric lights, as the electric system failed to work the evening before, and gas alone was used. An early senior class event was a river excursion to Bedell House with senior boys acting as hosts to the senior girls. The custom was also established of having a picnic at Cascade Park every year for the entire school.

Lafayette students have proved themselves generous contributors to many funds. About 1905 great enthusiasm was aroused for the building of a gymnasium for Lafayette. Heretofore the auditorium and basement were used for physical education classes. In a short time the students raised over \$6,659 toward the gym. In the fall of 1907 it was decided to turn the money over to a fund to purchase an athletic field. Later when financial difficulties arose the school, in a new burst of energy, raised \$11,000 for the preservation of the field. During the course of five Liberty Loan drives at the time of the First World War, our school contributed over \$1,051,000.

The students gave considerable time to scholarly pursuits. At one time the curriculum included courses in psychology and Hebrew. Art students won many contests. Arno Steringlas was one of twelve winners of \$200 in a national contest sponsored by the Ingersol Watch Company for their 1945 calendar. Allen Hermes, 1930, won the first prize in the state wide diphtheria poster contest, a four-year scholarship to Syracuse. Lafayette students consistently have won scholarships, in 1923 twenty-two out of the forty state scholarships offered in Erie County.

Students have gathered in the auditorium for many purposes. In the early days basketball games and candy sales attracted large numbers. At least once a week students assembled for pleasure and edification. Did the year 1932 with 57 assemblies set a record? A group of girls defeated a team of boys from Miss Hirshfield's American history class in 1908 on the question whether Virginia or Massachusetts contributed more to the success of the Revolutionary War. The Chromatic Club has been generous in giving concerts. The Dartmouth Glee Club sang in 1926. In 1950 the Oberlin College a cappella choir, led by Robert Fountain 1935, impressed the students. A Shakespearean program including scenes from JULIUS CAESAR and THE MERCHANT OF VENICE was given in 1929 and ALICE IN WONDERLAND in 1932, both under Miss Hilfinger's direction. Innumerable assemblies have prepared for athletic events and celebrated victory; many more have presented individual speakers and debates.

As generations of students come and go, they carry remembrance of their time and are remembered by those who remain. Although we are grateful for the beautiful trophy case, the bulletin board opposite room 112, the sun dial near the main entrance, the speakers' stand in the auditorium, and many other generous class gifts, we do not need tangible proof of the fine men and women who spent four years of their lives at Lafayette. Students in Lafayette in this golden anniversary year are proud to preserve the traditions and follow the magnificent example set for them by those who went out into life as Lafayette graduates for the past fifty years.



Joanne C. Van Lierop
Salutatorian



Doris A. Bonadio
TRIANGLE Editor



Andrew H. Criscione
Marshal



Joan E. Brown
Marshal

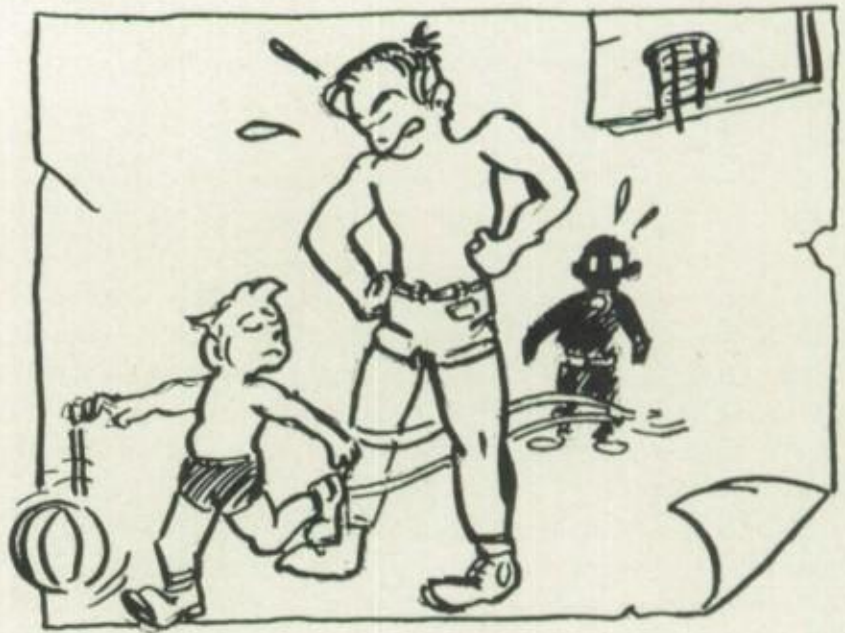


Douglas Nagel
Valedictorian

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STUDENT COUNCIL . . .



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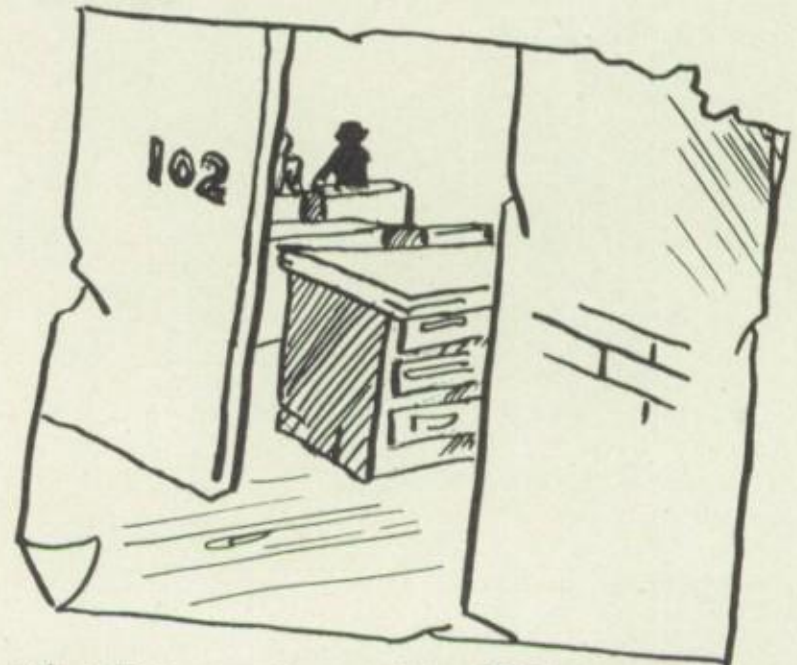
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EXAMS AND GRADUATION



Bill Cook

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JOHN E. ADAMS

"He that hath knowledge spar-
eth his words."

Senior Boys' Historian 4
Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3
Oracle Staff 2, 3
Student Council 2
Monitor 3

JOSEPH G. ALBANO

"To be strong is to be happy."

Merit Roll 1
Football 2, 3, 4
Track 3, 4
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 3
Student Council 3
Triangle Staff 3

JOHN E. ARMENTO

"There are the joys of the open
road
For him who travels without
a load."

PHYLLIS ARMSTRONG

"The endearing elegance of her
friendship."

Baton Club 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3

DORIS L. ARQUETTE

"Her voice is ever soft, gentle
and low, an excellent thing
in woman"

Merit Roll 1
Monitor 3
Oracle Staff 1
Oracle Salesman 4
Skating Club 1
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1, 2

SANDRA L. BASSLER

"Beauty lives with kindness."

Junior Class Secretary
Merit Roll 1, 2
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4
Triangle Salesman 3
Variety Show 1



ROSE MARIE BATTAGLIA

"A beautiful face is a silent
commendation."

150 point "L"
Dramatics 3
Glee Club 4
Junior Red Cross 1
Oracle Staff 4
Skating Club 4
Triangle Salesman 2
CATHERINE BAYNES

"Personality is to one what
perfume is to a flower."

VIRGINIA BEARD

"Virtue alone is true nobility."

Merit Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Junior Red Cross 4
Monitor 3, 4
Oracle Staff 4

GENE R. BECKSTEIN

"Better a witty fool, than a
foolish wit."

Chorus 1
Skating Club 1
Spanish Club 1
Triangle Salesman 1, 4
Variety Show 1

BENJAMIN B. BELL

"He hath a heart as sound as
a bell."

Chess Club 3
Glee Club 1, 2
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Skating Club 2, 3, 4

DORIS A. BONADIO

"Life is a struggle, but not
a warfare."

Forensic Club 3
Triangle Editor 4
Triangle Staff 2, 3, 4

GERALD BRADY

"I'll not budge an inch."

Baseball 2, 3, 4
Basketball 2, 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4
Chorus 1
Kiwanis Key Club 4



CATHERINE G.
BRECKENRIDGE

"Happiness is a by-product of
an effort to make someone
happy."

Lafayette Y-Teens 2, 3, 4
Red Cross 1



ANTHONY BRIANDI

"None but himself can be his
parallel."



ELAINE BRINK

"Silence will never betray you."

Monitor 3



FRANK C. BRONCATO

"Longer liveth a glad man than
a sorry."

Boys' Chorus 1, 2



JOAN E. BROWN

"The good, the true, the beau-
tiful, those are the things that
pay!"

Senior Class Marshal
Oracle Salesman 1
Triangle Salesman 3
Theta Nu Hi-Y 2



CHARLENE BUFFOMANTE

"Modesty cannot be taught; it
must be born."

Junior Class Marshal
Honor Roll 2, 3
Monitor 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 3
Oracle Staff 4
Student Council 3
Triangle Staff 3, 4
MAURICE BURLINGAME



"Be noble in every thought
and in every deed."



PAUL J. CAMPANELLA

"He that mischief hatcheth,
mischief catcheth."

Oracle Salesman 4



BEATRICE CAMPBELL

"An even disposition and quiet
charm."

Baton Club 2, 3
Lafayette Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Variety Show 2



SHIRLEY A. CANCELLA

"In faith, lady, you have a
merry heart."

Junior Social Chairman
Monitor 3, 4
Skating Club 4
Student Council 1
Triangle Salesman 1



MARIE A. CAPUTI

"Of spirit so still and quiet,
that her motion blush'd at
itself."

Honor Roll 1
Merit Roll 2, 3



SAMUEL S. CAROCCI

"He gave the people of his best."

Merit Roll 2,3
Forensic Club 4
Oracle Salesman 1
American Legion Contest 4



GORDON C. CARPENTER

"To those who know thee not,
no words can paint."

Honor Roll 1,4
Merit Roll 2,3
Cross Country 2
Kiwanis Key Club 3,4
Triangle Salesman 4
Boys' Chorus 1,2



RUTH CARROLL

"Beauty is the gift of God."

Theta Nu Hi-Y 1



PEARL CHATTERTON

"Golden hair, like sunlight
streaming on the marble of her
shoulder."

Monitor 3



ANTHONY G. CIPRIANO

"Art is man's nature; nature is
God's art."

Merit Roll 3,4
Basketball 3,4
Football 3
Track 1,2,3,4
3rd place in school poster con-
test 2
Honorable mention in National
Poster Contest 3



MARION B. COCKLIN

"I am slow of speech, and of a
slow tongue."

Glee Club 2
Monitor 1,2,3
Triangle Salesman 2



LOUIS M. CONIGLIO

"Men, like bullets, go farthest
when they are smoothest."

Kiwanis Key Club 3
Triangle Salesman 4
Variety Show 2



WILLIAM COOK

"The artist has always the masters
in his eye."

Honor Roll 2
Merit Roll 1,3,4
Kiwanis Key Club 2
Oracle Staff 1,2,3,4
Triangle Staff 1,2,3,4



ARLENE B. COSTELLO

"What is beautiful is good and
what is good will soon also
be beautiful."

150 Point "L"
Glee Club 1,2,3
Monitor 4
Oracle Salesman 4
Triangle Salesman 3
Skating Club 1,2,3,4



ANDREW H. CRISCIONE

"We're born to be happy, all
of us."

Junior Class Program
Chairman
Senior Boys' Marshal
Swimming 1
Chorus 1,2
Cheerleader 3,4
Variety Show 1,2,3



BETTY SUE DANIELS

"As merry as the day is long."

Merit Roll 3
Baton Club 3
Lafayette Girls' Hi-Y 3
Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Oracle Salesman 3
Skating Club 3,4
Student Council 3



ROSLILY D'ARRIGO

"There is mischief in those eyes."

Baton Club 2



MARY DAVIES

"Live truly, and thy life shall
be a great and noble creed."



MARILYNN J. DAY

"Her bright smile haunts me
still."



JOAN DEAN

"She hath a daily beauty in
her life."

Editor-in-Chief of The Ora-
cle 4
Junior Class Program Chair-
man
Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Oracle Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Triangle Staff 4
Delegate to Empire Girls'
State 3
Lafayette T. V. Press Box
Reporter 3



JAMES C. DEMARCO

"It is a misery to be born, a
pain to live, a trouble to
die."

Band 1, 2, 3
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Oracle Circulation Mana-
ger 4
Variety Show 1, 2



SAMUEL P. DEVESO

"I am a lover and have not found
anything to love."

Kiwanis Key Club 4



JOHN R. DEWEY

"It is the heart which makes
men eloquent."

Merit Roll 1, 2, 3, 4



THOMAS J. DIKEMAN

"A kindly simple laboring man
was he,
Living in peace and perfect
charity."

Junior Class Marshal
Basketball 4
Triangle Salesman 2, 3



DAVID R. W. DOYLE

"He rows and rows and rows."

Crew 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 1
Swimming 1
Track 1
Debate 4
Orchestra 1
Student Council 3



ALEXANDER DRAPANAS

"I am sure care's an enemy
to life "

Crew 1, 2, 3, 4
Swimming 1, 2
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Triangle Staff 3, 4
Variety Show 3
Cheerleader 3, 4



HELEN R. DRONEY

"Her eyes are a gift of expres-
sion."

Merit Roll 1
500 Point "L"
Forensic Club 3, 4
Lafayette Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4
Monitor 3, 4



JOSEPH DRUKE

"The noblest mind the best of
contentment has."

Merit Roll 1, 2



JEANETTE ELEK

"Petite and pert and full of
mirth."

Junior Class Vice President
Oracle Salesman 3
Student Council 3
Spanish Club 1
Triangle Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Variety Show 1, 2
Cheerleader 4



WALTER EPEL

"He is a man of his own mind."

Honor Roll 1, 2



JACQUELINE ESLICK

"Life is a jest, and all things show it;
I thought so once, but now I know it."

Merit Roll 1, 2



SHIRLEY M. EVANS

"More than wisdom, more than wealth--a merry heart that laughs at care."

Merit Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Monitor 3
Oracle Staff 2
Red Cross 1
Spanish Club 1
Triangle Staff 2, 3, 4



ELAINE EVINGHAM

"For we that live to please must please to live."

Merit Roll 1, 2
Baton Club 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 4
Skating Club 1, 2, 3
Triangle Salesman 4
Variety Show 2, 3



FRANK A. FABOZZI

"Glorious in his apparel"



SANDRA C. FALLON

"Laugh and be well."

Honor Roll 2, 3, 4
Merit Roll 1
Triangle Salesman 1
Triangle Staff 3, 4



SAM J. FATTA

"A quiet man has quiet secrets."



CAROL A. FETES

"Sweet, studious and sociable."



NANCY J. FINKLER

"Thy modesty's a candle to thy merit."

Baton Club 2



DONALD A. FITCH

"I dare do all that may become a man;
Who dares do more is none."

Crew 3, 4
Football 4



ALBINA FONZI

"What do little girls talk about?
What is their mystic theme?
Those still too young for puppy love,
Are old enough to dream."

Triangle Staff 2, 3, 4



DOLORES A. FORMOSO

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Merit Roll 1, 2
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4



RONALD W. FORSYTH

"Life is my college.
May I graduate well, and earn
some honors!"

Honor Roll 1
Merit Roll 2, 3, 4
Forensic Club 3
Oracle Salesman 3
Student Council 3
Winner of Erie County Plan-
ning Contest 2

MARIAN R. FRASER

"Live a life and live it well."

Forensic Club 3
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Skating Club 3
Triangle Salesman 3

ANITA M. FRITTITA

"The marrow of all courtesy."

Baton Club 3
Oracle Staff 4
Triangle Salesman 1, 2
Triangle Staff 3

JAMES C. GAGLIONE

"Though he was rough he was
kindly."

Football 2, 3, 4
Track 3, 4

JOAN R. GALLAVAN

"A face with gladness over-
spread!
Soft smiles by human kind-
ness bred "

Forensic Club 2, 3, 4
Lafayette Y-Teens 2, 3, 4
Monitor 3
Skating Club 4

ROBERT GEYER

"Worth makes the man."

Merit Roll 2
Crew 2
Forensic Club 4
Glee Club 1
Kiwanis Key Club 2, 4
Variety Show 1



NICHOLAS GIALLELLA

"Bell, Bell" where is thy ring."

Merit Roll 1
Baseball 1, 2

NANCY J. GIELINSKI

"She that was ever fair and
never proud,
Had tongue at will and yet
was never loud."

NORMAN GOTTLER

"Be humble and sincere in your
conversation."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Orchestra 1, 2
Variety Show 1, 2, 3

VITO M. GRAMAROSSA

"A strong, calm man is always
respected."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 4
Merit Roll 3
Forensic Club 3, 4
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Spanish Club 1, 2, 3
Triangle Salesman 1

PAUL E. GRANT

"I like work, it fascinates me,
I can sit and look at it for
hours."

Oracle Staff 2

RUSSELL A. GUGINO

"In the average man is curled the
hero stuff that rules the world."

Baseball 3
Football 3
Skating Club 4

JOYCE HAENTGES

"Bright eyes, as black and burning as coal."

Merit Roll 1, 2, 3
Baton Club 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 3
Monitor 1, 2, 3
Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Variety Show 3



SHARON C. HAENTGES

"She's pretty to walk with
And witty to talk with."

Honor Roll 2
Merit Roll 1, 3
Forensic Club 4
Monitor 3



DUANE L. HANSON

"Honor lies in honest toil."

Glee Club 1
Triangle Salesman 2
Variety Show 1



WARREN E. HARDING

"Good health and good sense
are two of life's greatest
blessings."



JOAN HARNISCH

"Ensouled by ancient Quiet-
ness, a gentle priestess of
the Wise."



SHEILA J. HARRIS

"Friendliness is but one of her
virtues."

Merit Roll 4
Baton Club 1
Junior Council on World Af-
fairs, 1, 2, 3
Red Cross 1, 2



ROBERT H. INGALSBE

"Jesters do oft prove prophets."

Crew 1, 2, 3, 4
Cross Country 4
Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4
Debate 3
Variety Show 1



JEROME JACQUIN

"Wit and wisdom are born with
a man."

Swimming 1, 2, 3, 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Kiwanis Key Club 3
Orchestra 1, 2, 3
Spanish Club 2
Cheerleader 3
Variety Show 1, 2, 3, 4



RICHARD L. JENKINS

"Slide, Kelly, slide."

Junior Class Social Chairman
Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Football 2
Oracle Staff 2, 3



GEORGE B. JOHNSON

"His brow is wet with earnest
sweat;
He earns what'er he can."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Forensic Club 3, 4
Oracle Class Editor 4
Oracle Salesman 1, 2
Oracle Staff 3, 4



JANICE JONES

"Good humor is the very best
article of dress one can wear
in society."

500 Point "L"
Girls' Y-Teens
Triangle Salesman 4
Oracle Salesman 4



JOSEPH J. KANE

"I came, I saw, I conquered."

Baseball 2, 3
Football 4
Oracle Salesman 3



ROBERT KAUFMAN

"A quiet tongue shows a wise head."

Baseball 1
Triangle Salesman 1



CLARA J. KECK

"Silence gives consent."



JOYCE KEEN

"There was a little girl with a little curl
Right in the middle of her forehead."

Monitor 3, 4



HELEN KEOHANE

"Rather quiet; she's very nice;
She's a girl you'll notice twice."

Chorus 1, 2



MARGARET R. KING

"Sweet are the thoughts that savour of content."

Junior Council on World Affairs 1
Triangle Staff 4



MILDRED A. KOZLOWSKI

"The mildest manners, and the gentlest heart."

Glee Club 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 1
Triangle Salesman 1



EDWARD LANCET

"For he that once is good, is ever great."

Track 2, 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Orchestra 1, 2, 3
Triangle Salesman 1, 2
Variety Show 2



LOUISE M. LANGRIDGE

"To listen well is a second inheritance."



JOHN I. LAURIA

"Fortune assists the boldest."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Crew 2
Cross Country 1, 2, 3
Track 1
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Cheerleader 4



JOAN S. LEAVERS

"From a tiny spark bursts a mighty flame."

Glee Club 1
Oracle Circulation Manager 4



THERESA LETO

"The odor is the rose;
the smile, the woman."

Glee Club 1
Variety Show 1



LUCY JANE LOID

"Simplicity of character is hindrance to subtlety of intellect."

Oracle Salesman 2 3
Red Cross 1, 2



GEORGE LOMBARDO

"If I cannot find a way, I'll make one."

Basketball 3, 4
Football 2, 3, 4
Track 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 3
Student Council 3
Triangle Salesman 3, 4



PATRICK R. LOVULLO

"Worry not for what's the use."

Merit Roll 1, 2
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Skating Club 1
Spanish Club 1



EVELYN D. LUONGO

"The days that make us happy make us wise."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Debate 3, 4
Forensic Club 4
Junior Council on World Affairs 2
Monitor 3, 4
Student Council 3
Triangle Staff 4



R. SELMA LUSTIK

"A halo of golden hair."

Chess Club 3
Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Junior Council on World Affairs 2, 3
Skating Club 1, 2, 3
Triangle Salesman 2
Triangle Staff 2



CATHERINE MACLEOD

"She is the mirror of all courtesy."

150 Point "L"
Lafayette Girls" Hi-Y 3



BARRY T. MALIN

"A man who makes friends without half trying."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Crew 2, 3, 4
Swimming 1, 2
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Forensic Club 3
Student Council 1
Oratorical Contest Winner 3



AILEEN MALONEY

"Always smiling, always gay,
She's a gal who'll get her way."

Glee Club 1, 2
Lafayette Y-Teens 1
Skating Club 1



DOLORES MARCHLEWICZ

"Nothing is so popular as kindness."

Honor Roll 1
Merit Roll 2
Monitor 4
Oracle Circulation Manager 4



JUNE MARTINA

"Sparkle, pep, vim and vigor,
All wrapped in one pert figure."

Honor Roll 3
Merit Roll 2, 4
Glee Club 2
Variety Show 2
Oracle Circulation Manager 4



THOMAS MAULUCCI

"I am wealthy in my friends."

Football 2
Track 2
Boys' Chorus 2
Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Variety Show 2



BARBARA MAZZONE

"Sweet and friendly to all."



MARILOU McCLELLAN

"In small proportions we just beauties see."

Red Cross 1
Lafayette Y-Teens 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1



EDWARD McCORMICK

"Always laughing always joyful."

Crew 4



SALLY D. McCrory

"Manner, not gold, is woman's best adornment."

Honor Roll 1
Merit Roll 2, 3, 4
Triangle Staff 3, 4
Oracle Circulation Manager 4



DORIS McINTOSH

"My hope, my love, my joy."

Merit Roll 3
Monitor 4
Oracle Staff 4



RUTH A. McLELLAN

"A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Variety Show 1, 2, 3



JAMES McQUESTION

"Burn from my breast the sloth that clings
And feed my brain with better things."

Track 3
Kiwanis Key Club 3
Skating Club 1, 2
Variety Show 3



DONALD J. MENZIES

"Genius is the ability to escape hard work."

Baseball 2, 3, 4
Cross Country Manager 3
Glee Club 1, 2
Variety Show 2



JOSEPH MERLO

"But yet---he made a thousand friends."

Senior Class President
Junior Class President
Varsity Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Varsity Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4
Varsity Football 4
Student Council 1, 2, 3
Triangle Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Oracle Staff 2, 3, 4



ALLEN E. MERRIFIELD

"Time elaborately thrown away."

Swimming 2
Skating Club 1, 2



JOSEPHINE MIGLIORE

"The endearing elegance of female friendship."

Glee Club 2, 3
Skating Club 1, 2



LILY F. MITSCHANG

"An appearance of delicacy is essential to beauty."

Red Cross 1



PAT MONTEMARANO

"My eyes make pictures, when they are shut."

Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4
Basketball 4
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
Triangle Salesman 3
Variety Show 1, 2, 3



CATHERINE MURPHY

"What wisdom can you find that is greater than kindness?"



JANEEN R. MURPHY

"If a good face is a letter of recommendation, a good heart is a letter of credit."

Merit Roll 1, 2, 3
150 Point "L"
Triangle Salesman 2



DOUGLAS NAGEL

"I got rhythm, I got music."

Valedictorian
Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 2



DONNA M. NARDOZZI

"A pleasing smile, a winning way,
And art to pass the time away."

Honor Roll 1, 3, 4
Merit Roll 2
Monitor 4
Oracle Art Staff 3, 4
Red Cross 1
Triangle Art Staff 1, 2, 4



JOAN NASCA

"Make the most of life you may-
Life is short and wears away."



HERBERT C. NEAR

"A good man is hard to find."

Honor Roll 4
Merit Roll 3
Skating Club 3, 4



DANIEL C. NERI

"There is no truer truth obtainable
By man than comes of music."

Skating Club 1



SHIRLEY M. NEWMAN

"Health and cheerfulness mutually beget each other."

500 Point "L"
Baton 2
Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Lafayette Y-Teens 1



DONALD R. NEWTON

"True artists are a rare, rare breed."



RAY P. NOTTO

"Art is the path of the creator to his work."

Football Manager 3
Variety Show 3
Oracle Art Staff 3, 4



MYRNA J. NYE

"O happiness! Our being's end and aim!"

Monitor 3
Oracle Staff 1
Triangle Salesman 3



ROBERT A. OLEAR

"Deeds are silent."

Tennis 1, 2, 3, 4
All High-First Singles 3



JUDITH J. OVERMAN

"Sweetness is the essence of popularity."

Senior Class Vice President
500 Point "L"
Glee Club 1
Lafayette Y-Teens 1
Triangle Staff 4



ANTHONY PALERMO

"He seldom spoke; but what he said was clear, and full of sense."

Honor Roll 2, 4
Merit Roll 1, 3
Tennis 1
Chess 3



MARY LOUISE PENDOLINO

"Her hair is burned black with the strong sun."

Merit Roll 1
Chorus 1
Skating Club 1



WANDA PALMER

"Every moment brings a treasure
Of its own especial pleasure."

Glee Club 2



WILLIAM F. PENMAN

"Of high ideals and virtue was his speech."

Senior Class Treasurer
Junior Class Treasurer
Honor Roll 3, 4
Merit Roll 2
Basketball 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 3
Student Council 3



FRANCES L. PALMISANO

"Happy am I; from care I'm free I
Why aren't they all contented like me?"

Honor Roll 4
Merit Roll 1, 2, 3
Junior Red Cross 4
Oracle Salesman 4
Oracle Staff 4



ASTRID E. PETERSON

"A true friend is forever a friend."



JANET MARIE PANZICA

"She that is of merry heart hath
a continual feast."

Dramatics 2
Forensic Club 2
Monitor 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Triangle Salesman 2
Triangle Staff 4



LUCILLE T. PETRINO

"Laugh and be well."

Merit Roll 3
Monitor 3
Spanish Club 1
Triangle Salesman 2, 3
Triangle Staff 3



WILLIAM PARKER

"His conversation does not show
the minute hand but he strikes
the hour very correctly."

Basketball 3, 4



LAWRENCE PICIULO

"As happy a man as any in the
world, for the whole world seems
to smile upon me."

Merit Roll 1
Tennis Team 1, 2
Spanish Club 1
Oracle Salesman 1



PETER PATTERSON

"Let him now speak, or else
hereafter forever hold his
peace."

Swimming 3, 4



JACQUELINE PROVENZANO

"Light of step and heart is she."

Honor Roll 1
Merit Roll 2, 3, 4
500 Point "L"
Baton Club 1, 2, 3
Triangle Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Variety Show 1, 2, 3
Cheerleader 4



LENORE R. PROVENZANO

"Love is only chatter;
Friends are all that matter."

Glee Club 1
Skating Club 1



DOROTHY PURVIS

"Laugh and the world laughs
with you."

Triangle Staff 3



KATHLEEN M. QUINLAN

"The grass stoops not, she treads
on it so light."

500 Point "L"
Glee Club 1
Triangle Staff 1



GEORGE RANDAZZO

"A merry heart doeth good like
a medicine."

Football 2



RUTH G. REID

"A well-bred silence always at
command."

Oracle Salesman 2
Oracle Staff 4



FRANCIS E. REILLY

"An honest man's the noblest
work of God."

Merit Roll 3, 4
Kiwanis Key Club 4
Forensic Club 4



ROSEMARY RICCI

"A witty woman is a treasure;
A witty beauty is a power."

Glee Club 1, 2, 3
Skating Club 1



ANN LOUISE RICH

"Keep thy friend under thy own
life's key."

500 Point "L"
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 2, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3, 4
Variety Show 1, 2, 3



RICHARD RICIGLIANO

"An athlete's body and a think-
er's mind."

Merit Roll 1, 2
Baseball 3, 4
Football 3, 4
Track 1, 2
Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4



JEAN RIEDEL

"A happy life consists in tran-
quility of mind."

Merit Roll 3, 4
Track 2



SAMUEL RIZZO

"Great men are not always
wise."



F. JANETTE ROBBINS

"The light of love, the purity of
grace,
The mind, the music breathing
from her face."

Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Lafayette Y-Teens 4



KENT J. ROBERTS

"Great is truth, and mighty
above all things."

Merit Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Track 2, 4
Spanish Club 2



RICHARD M. ROBSON

"Let me live and reign alone,
In a world I call my own."

Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Skating Club 3, 4



RONALD ROGERS

"In quietness and confidence
shall be your strength."



CAROL L. ROWE

"A maid should be seen but
not heard."

Monitor 2, 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Skating Club 1
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1, 2, 3



MARK J. RUSSO

"The wildest colts make the
best horses."

Merit Roll 1, 2
Baseball 3, 4
Red Cross



JOHN RYAN

"The smallest effort is not lost."



LAWRENCE SACK

"A man after his own heart."



SHEILA SANDY

"The windy satisfaction of a
tongue."

Merit Roll 3
150 Point "L"
Triangle Salesman 3, 4
Variety Show 3



MARY ANN SANFILIPPO

"Her magic password is a smile."

Honor Roll 1
Merit Roll 2
300 Point "L"
Baton Club 1
Red Cross 1
Triangle Salesman 1



PHYLLIS SANTASIERO

"That action is best which pro-
cures the greatest numbers."

Monitor 4
Red Cross 1



NANCY E. SCAFFIDI

"Wee and slender as a daisy."

Honor Roll 1
Student Council 1, 2
Triangle Salesman 1
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4



JOSEPH SCHABO

"A man of stature, and poise."

Honor Roll 2, 4
Baseball 1, 3, 4
Football Manager 4
Kiwanis Key Club 4
Oracle Staff 4



ROSEANN
SCHNEGGENBURGER

"Nothing is more simple than greatness;
Indeed to be simple is to be great."

Honor Roll 3
Merit Roll 1, 2
500 Point "L"
Oracle Salesman 4



THOMAS SCHROEDER

"The secret of success is constancy to purpose."

Football 3
Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3



LARRY J. SCINTA

"Dabbles in the arts "

Track 2



CAROL A. SEAGER

"She got her man!"

Honor Roll 1 2, 3, 4
Triangle Salesman 1
Third Prize in the Fire
Prevention Slogan Contest



BARBARA A. SHEPARD

"She's got a bit of stardust in her eyes."



OLIVE MAE SIM

"The observed of all observers."

Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1, 2, 3, 4



NOREEN F. SIMMONS

"Sings like a lark."

Merit Roll 1
500 Point "L"
Baton Club 3, 4
Glee Club 3, 4
Monitor 4
Triangle Salesman 4
Variety Show 3



JOHN SINATRA

"Whatever he did was done with so much ease
And him alone 'twas natural to please."



ROBERT J. SLATTERY

"Too nice for a statesman,
Too proud for a wit."

Kiwanis Key Club 3, 4
Monitor 3
Oracle Salesman 2
Skating Club 3, 4
Triangle Salesman 1, 3



CAROLE L. SMITH

"Few things are impossible to diligence and skill."

Honor Roll 3, 4
Merit Roll 2
500 Point "L"
Y-Teens 2, 3, 4



FRANK D. SMITH

"Good things come in small packages."



ROBERT W. SMITH

"The die is cast."



SYLVIA SMITH

"She moves a goddess,
and looks a queen."



PATRICIA STEGER

"And you will speed us onward
with a cheer."

Senior Class Secretary
Merit Roll 1
Glee Club 2
Monitor 2
Triangle Salesman 2
Triangle Staff 1, 2, 3, 4
Cheerleader 4



NANCY L. STEIN

"Brilliance and softness goes
far."

Honor Roll 3
Merit Roll 1, 2, 4
300 Point "L"
Lafayette Y-Teens 2, 3, 4
Monitor 4



LOUIS SUGARMAN

"A little nonsense now and
then,
Is relished by the wisest
men."

Basketball 3, 4
Football 4



EVELYN SULLIVAN

"The mildest manners and the
gentlest heart."



WILLIAM SULLIVAN

"Seize the day."

Swimming 1, 3, 4



DENNIS R. TAYLOR

"Nothing is so dear and precious
as time."

Cross Country 2
Football 1, 3
Track 2, 3, 4



PATRICIA J. TAYLOR

"Art preservative of all arts."

Honor Roll 4
300 Point "L"
Lafayette Y-Teens 1, 2
Oracle Staff 3
Triangle Staff 3
Football Poster - Honorable
Mention 2



DOLORES M. TEMPLIN

"You're everything you ought
to be."

500 Point "L"
Student Council 1
Triangle Salesman 1
Lafayette Y-Teens 1, 2, 3, 4



RICHARD TIDESWELL

"Knowledge is power."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Oracle Salesman 2
Variety Show 1



NANCY A. TITUS

"Sincerity hath a charm of its
own."

Band 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 4
Orchestra 1, 2, 3
Y-Teens 2
Variety Show 1, 2, 3



DOROTHY M. TOUSEY

"Patience is a necessary ingre-
dient of genius."

Honor Roll 1, 2, 3, 4
Glee Club 1
Monitor 2
Oracle Staff 2
Triangle Salesman 1, 2
Theta Nu Hi-Y 1



JAMES A. TRIETLEY

"It is not wise to be wiser than necessary."

Skating Club 1,2,3



MARY JANE TRIP I

"A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of Nature."

Merit Roll 2
Baton Club 2
Variety Show 2



JO ANN TWIST

"Who says in verse what others say in prose."

Honor Roll 1,2,4
Merit Roll 3
Monitor 4
Oracle Staff 3,4
Student Council 3
Spanish Club 1
Triangle Staff 2,3,4



MARION I. VANDERMEY

"A friendship that like love is warm."

Honor Roll 4
Merit Roll 1,2,3
Glee Club 1,2,3,4
Orchestra 1,2,3
Variety Show 1,2,3



JOANNE C. VAN LIEROP

"Sweet, studious, and sociable."

Salutatorian
Honor Roll 2,3,4
500 Point "L"
Forensic Club 4



RICHARD WATERS

"A moral, sensible, and well-bred man."

Honor Roll 1,2,3



JANET A. WEBER

"Full to the brim with life's delight."

Honor Roll 1,2,4
500 Point "L"
Lafayette Y-Teens 1
Monitor 4
Oracle Salesman 2,4
Student Council 2
Triangle Staff 4



MARIE C. WHEELER

"True she can talk and yet she is no speaker."

Girls' Chorus 1
Glee Club 3
Oracle Circulation Manager 4
Theta Nu Hi-Y 3
Skating Club 1



ROBERT WIDGER

"Here's honesty, manhood, and good fellowship."

Swimming 3,4
Boys' Chorus 1,2
Oracle Staff 3
Variety Show 2



FRANK L. WILES

"Better late than never."

Honor Roll 2
Merit Roll 1
Spanish Club 1



DAWN M. WOLF

"And unextinguished laughter shakes the skies."

Merit Roll 2
Glee Club 2
Monitor 3
Triangle Salesman 1



SHIRLEY A. WRIGHT

"For, when with beauty we can virtue join,
We paint the semblance of a form divine."

Senior Class Historian
Honor Roll 1,2,3,4
Debate 3
Oracle Salesman 1
Oracle Literary Editor 4
Triangle Staff 3



PAUL ZANER

"A flattering painter who made
it his care,
To draw man as they ought to
be, not as they are."

Merit Roll 4
Oracle Art Staff 3, 4



LORRAINE M. ZUBRIS

"Happy art thou, as if every
day thou hadst picked up a
horseshoe."

Merit Roll 1, 2
Glee Club 3, 4
Y-Teens 1

PROMINENT MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS

Top Honor Roll Students

Douglas Nagel	95.56	Evelyn Luongo	93.32	Janet Weber	92.13
Joanne Van Lierop	94.91	Richard Tideswell	93.14	John Lauria	91.68
Barry Malin	94.86	George Johnson	93.02	Charlene Buffomante	91.59
Joan Dean	94.32	Shirley Wright	92.94	Dorothy Tousey	91.58
John Adams	94.11	Carol Seager	92.58	Sandra Fallon	91.10
Rose Marie Pagano	93.43	Richard Waters	92.21	Anthony Palermo	90.81

Those Elected to Pre-eminence in the Senior Poll

WHO IS THE . . .

. . . most eminent?

. . . most potentially
illustrious?

. . . most sinewy?

. . . most indefatigable?

. . . most amicable?



WHO IS THE . . .

. . . most debonair?

. . . most captivating?

. . . most a la mode?

. . . most somnolent?

. . . most loquacious?

ROW ONE: John Adams, Judith Overman, Shirley Evans, Shirley
Wright, Jeanette Elek, George Johnson
ROW TWO: Andrew Criscione, Joan Dean, Pearl Chatterton, Janet
Panzica, Louis Sugarman, Joseph Merlo.
ROW THREE: Frank Fabozzi, Joseph Albano.
ROW FOUR: Robert Ingalsbe, William Penman.

See page 54 for the results
of the senior poll.



CHRISTMAS PLAY

STANDING: Dave Doyle, Myrna Nye, John Adams, Sally McCrory
SEATED: John Lauria, Shirley Evans, Jo Ann Twist, Shirley Wright

A CHRISTMAS program on Friday, December 19, 1952 included the play, "Christmas at Home." It was presented by a group of seniors, directed by Shirley Wright. Telling the story of a family separated during the holidays, gave a touch of humor to the assembly.

SENIOR POLL

THE results of the 1953 Senior Poll were secretly tabulated and put into a cryptic code. For two months these coded results were in the possession of the ORACLE staff. Despite great pressure they have been kept confidential, and we are now happy to present this poll to the public. Final results show that the most eminent are Joan Dean and Joseph Merlo; the most potentially illustrious, Joan Dean and John Adams; the most sinewy, Judy Overman and Joseph Merlo; the most indefatigable, Joan Dean and George Johnson; the most amicable, Jeanette Elek and Andrew Criscione; the most debonair, Shirley Wright and Joseph Albano; the most a la mode, Shirley Wright and Frank Fabozzi; the most somnolent, Pearl Chatterton and Louis Sugarman; and the most loquacious, Janet Panzica and Robert Ingalsbe.



End of the Day

Nancy Bush, Beatrice Campbell, Shirley Evans, Helen Droney, Jeanette Elek, and Ann Marie Longo obviously are enjoying the end of the school day.



CHRISTMAS PROJECT

A GREAT impression was made on Miss Howell's senior homeroom by the beautiful handmade Christmas cards which filled her bulletin board. The Spanish classes made these artistic contributions.

Miss Howell, Ruth Ward, and Dennis McHenry are shown admiring the cards.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

SEATED: Max Linton, president; Vail Watson, vice president; Gloria Watkins, secretary; John Schnabel, treasurer

STANDING: William Tuffillaro, program chairman; Nancy Svensson, marshal; Donna Bridge, program chairman; Elaine Milkie, social chairman; Dean Richardson, social chairman.

Ronald Louchren, marshal, is not in the picture.



Juniors

Class Of 1954

ATTEMPTING to live up to Lafayette's motto of Loyalty, Honor, and Service, the juniors have participated in the Armistice Day Program, Junior Day Exercises, Variety Show, sports, and scholastic competition. Some have maintained an honor roll average for three years.

Miriam J. Ratcliffe	96.69
James G. Frase	95.39
Janet E. Nagel	95.06
Carol I. Dean	94.99
Richard L. Kirtland	94.01
Theodore V. Palermo	93.55
Grace J. Siracuse	93.31
Marion A. Hochvert	93.26
Dorothy Wynne	93.01

William K. Ferry	92.68
Patricia Ann DeSantis	92.44
Nancy Svensson	91.86
Joan D. Wilson	91.57
Malcolm Buckley	91.19
Deena J. McHenry	91.08
Angelo Coniglio	90.77
Patricia Ann Vogel	90.27
Vail Watson	90.17

ARMISTICE DAY

THE flag from the casket of Arthur Betts '39, given by his mother, was presented to Mr. Gott by Grant Israel at the Armistice Day assembly. Grant said, "As Arthur Betts dauntlessly faced death, it remains for us fearlessly to face life. If this flag serves to remind us to dedicate ourselves to the noble ideals for which he gave his life, Arthur will not have died in vain." Miriam Ratcliffe, Jo Ann Andrus, Marion Hochvert, Patricia DeSantis were student speakers.





Phyllis J. Alair

Thomas A. Amabile

JoAnn Andrus

David M. Arkland

Joseph P. Armenia

Loretta Bagarozzi

Robert Baron

Robert Barone



Salvatore Battista

Beatrice Baynes

Donald Bews

Marlene Bloom

Beatrice R. Bochiechio

Richard A. Bova

Jane Bozenski

Carol Ann Bradford



Mary Brady

Donna C. Bridge

Julia M. Brignone

Sherwood Briaas

Leo F. Buckley

Malcolm Buckley

Nancy W. Bush

Marie Cala



James Campanella

Gloria J. Campise

Patricia Carroll

Jean J. Cassaro

Daniel E. Clark

Margaret Clymer

Angelo F. Coniglio

Carol R. Cook



John Cooke

William A. Cowan

Roberta R. Cox

Beverly Crooker

Remo J. Damiani

Joseph C. D'Auria

Carol I. Dean

Patricia DeSantis



Alice Dingwall

Robert Docherty

Elizabeth L. Dribben

Doris Efthemis

Ross Emanuelson

Dale S. Evingham

Charles J. Falcone

Eleanor M. Fenno



William K. Ferry

Bruce Fitzgerald

Harriet Fort

Mildred Franco

Sandra J. Frandsen

James Frase

Beatrice M. Fraser

Michael L. Fried



Jane S. Gaglione

Lillian J. Garland

Paula Garretson

Gertrude C. Gemboys

Mary Gengo

Bessie M. Greco

Kenneth Greiner

Carmen Grillo



Patricia M. Grimm

Joanne M. Gust

Josephine D. Halliday

Gail Hanna

William M. Hardy

Bernice M. Hartsell

Phyllis Hedges

Arlene Carol Heverly



Marilyn Hile

Marion Anne Hochvert

Lark E. Holden

Mildred Holdsworth

Leo Howard

Gwendolyn Howell

Robert C. Hughes

Donna Humphreys



Roberta Jackson

Dolores James

Janet D. Jenkins

Samuel C. Julian

Charles Kasprzykowski

Sondra L. Kent

Myrtle M. Ketcheson

Joan F. King



Lorraine King

Richard Kirtland

Helen Kleinschmidt

Maryann Kneitinger

Edward Kulaw

Sal Lachina

Dolores S. La Puma

Merwin L. Lawton



Vivian Licata

Nancy J. Lindquist

John Livingston

Ronald B. Louchren

Lee J. Liddell

Max Linton

Ann Marie E. Longo

Janice C. Loughren



Gloria C. Lunz

Barbara MacLeod

Michael Mangione

Jeanette M. Marino

Joseph Lynch

Mary Ann J. Maglietto

Louis Marceau

Josephine Mauri



Anthony C. Mauro

Donald McHenry

Patricia Ann Militello

Barbara D. Mills

Deena McHenry

Mary J. McHugh

Elaine K. Milkie

Daniel V. Morgan



Loren J. Morse

Patricia Napora

Patricia Osika

Anthony Panzica

Janet E. Nagel

George O'Leary

Theodore Palermo

Donna K. Patterson



Ronald Perry

Arlene M. Piccolo

Charles Raccuia

Joan M. Reding

Elaine A. Pfeifer

Rose M. Pici

Miriam Ratcliffe

Thomas H. Reding



Dean Richardson

James T. Roberts

Charlene Root

Jeanette Russo

Gail A. Rinkerman

Sandra Lee Robertson

Joseph A. Ruisi

Nicoletta M. Rutigliano



Jean J. Sampieri

Thomas A. Sapienza

Anna M. Scardina

John A. Schnabel

Josephine Sanfilippo

Dorothy C. Scarafia

Rachel Schimenti

Joyce Schwenkbeck



Thomas Sciandra

Shirley Sell

Joan Shattuck

Grace Siracuse

Sylvia N. Scott

Judith M. Shanahan

Mary Ellen Showalter

Leo C. Siracuse



Bonnie Ann Smith

Shirley Ann Smith

Nancy Svensson

Michael G. Szafranski

Patricia A. Smith

Peggy A. Stone

Judith Syracuse

John Taylor



Frank J. Toscano

Patricia Ann Tracy

Jean Turco

Theodore R. Walton

Donald C. Totaro

William R. Tufillaro

Patricia A. Vogel

Marie Wander



Madelaine Wanke

R. Vail Watson

Ruth Lois Wiesmore

Joan D. Wilson

Gloria E. Watkins

Donna Webber

Hoyt Williams

Dorothy E. Wynne



Ann Zappia

Juniors have completed more than half their high school life. The underclassmen look forward to the years when they will continue the traditions of the school.



ROOM 205

ROW ONE: Meredith Flick, June Wilson, Beverly Graham, Mary O'Neil, Gloria Milton, Monnie Hodges, Shirley Morningstar, Grace Calandra, Mariann DePasquale, Patricia Dawson

ROW TWO: Claudia Weinheimer, Janet Brown, Shirley Smith, Ruth Mott, Marilyn Norton, Susan Provenzano, Judith Clayton, Joan Trimm, Fayann Amsden, Marjory Humphrey

ROW THREE: Dominic Gugliuzza, Dominic Laforte, Robert Greek, Ann Burgio, Virginia Morgan, Julia Bogar, George Bishop, Joseph Miranda, Richard Teetsel

Sophomores



IN THE SHOP

Richard Honsberger, Charles Anderson, John Crinzi, Joe McKissock, Donald Rott, Mr. Temnitz, Sal Rossi, Donald Fraser, John Gugino



ROOM 106

ROW ONE: Janice Funk, Mary Capozzi, Clara Bonda, Claudia Wischnacht, Barbara Volz, Patricia Dobbins, Esther Anderson, Rosalie Pinto, Nancy Butts

ROW TWO: Eva Havas, Mary Del Gatto, Marie Curro, Janice Angus, Marjorie Hager, Dolores Makoskey, Dorothy Newman, Carolyn Post, Peggy Reitzel

ROW THREE: James Caputi, Roy Bishop, William Hilliker, Ruth Roy, Daniel Sharp, Juanita Kozlow, Roger McIntosh, Salvatore Liotta

ROOM 204

ROW ONE: Barbara Schopp, Elaine Miceli, Marjorie Osika, Judy Kelly, Moira O'Dea, Judith Roth, Janet Smith, Carol Olmstead, Dolores Sanfilippo

ROW TWO: Eunyce Goulette, Carol Siskar, Norma Hill, Marion Tousey, Martha Harrington, Jean Battaglia, Ellen Denning, Marilee Linton, Patricia Clark, Nina Brodese

ROW THREE: Joseph Del Popolo, John Gugino, David Tegler, Robert Campanella, Lyle Keen, George Barnes



Class of 1955

IN THE LIBRARY

AT THE TABLE: Mary Del Gatto, Barbara Leavers, Patricia Bradley, Myra Boyer, Josephine Greco, Janet Brown

STANDING: Anthony Drake, Anne MacDonald, Dolores Barner, Nancy Coppess, Claudia Cottrell, Sally Pantano



ROOM 320

ROW ONE: Kay Knight, Katherine Campbell, Mary Ann Frascella, Marilyn Grimaldi, Angelina Di Biasi, Esther Bolea, Annette De Colibus, Sharon Winney, Frances Snyder, Anita Anderson

ROW TWO: Vera Croome, Diane Carrick, Jo Ann Carrick, Ann MacDonald, Claudia Cottrell, Joyce Roswell, Barbara Thomas, Charlene Pierino, Eleanor Vastola, Beverly Smith

ROW THREE: Ronald Niedziela, Ennio Maraldo, Roger Mulford, Joe Tontillo, Mark Lewin, Roger Lindelow, Layton Hey, William Morse, Charles Cala, Thomas McFaul





ROOM 202

ROW ONE: Roberta Gipple, Janet Tomasselli, Carol Rizzo, Barbara Leavers, Carolyn Keller, Frances Wells, Beverly McLaughlin, Evelyn Schall, Camille Mecca, Carol Bressette, Patricia Clark

ROW TWO: Dorothy Hill, Marcia Traun, Eleanor Richter, Joy Edie, Providence Merlo, Elizabeth Highway, Linda Del Vecchio, Joseph Peperone, Thomas Groff, Patrick Ruggiero

ROW THREE: Gene Vaccaro, Robert Smaldino, Raymond Sack, James Concialdi, Walter Harris, Kenneth Meyer, Joseph Burgio, Joseph McConkey, Salvatore Rossi, Thomas Droney



Sophomore

ROOM 317

ROW ONE: Doris Pocock, Gloria DeCarlo, Josephine Greco, Darlene Winkelsas, Audrey Snell, Fayda Amsden, Carol Kirk, Dorothy Rott

ROW TWO: Ine Buseck, Betty Foti, Sylvia DeSalvo, Patricia Coleman, Barbara Lyons, Sally Pantano, Joan Howard, Maebelle Munter, Lena Bodami, Josephine Burruano

ROW THREE: Joseph Caggiano, Robert Macy, Nicholas Mancini, Alan Briggs, Charles Tiffany, Carmen Gullo, Thomas Rich, Charles Laudico



ROOM 115

ROW ONE: Joan Manhardt, Nora Newton, Judith Chesley, Mamie Ruggiero, Mary Ann Mellott, Jeanette Polito, Shirley Kyser, Angela Bongiovanni, Sonja Daniels, Ellen Watson

ROW TWO: Margaret Long, Carol Doria, Shirley Baia, Mertis Kozlowski, Kathleen Gallagher, Charles Nola, Grace Notaro, Audrey Steeves, Joyce Zehler, Francine Anzalone, Shirley Rossi

ROW THREE: Duane Herron, Kenneth Dodd, William Lobuzzetta, Richard Honsberger, Russell Alessi, John Crinzi, Douglas Carroll, Thomas Dixon, Vincent Cala, Michael Foglia, David Ward

ROOM 201

ROW ONE: Jane Noble, Carol Heyssel, Norma Garrison, Dolores Barner, Betty Gilbert, Patricia Bradley, Jeanette Lachina, Concetta Molaro, Joanne Ricciardelli

ROW TWO: Elaine Clark, Peggy Melcher, Carol Webber, Darlene Schaffer, Anthony Drake, James Wright, Barbara Kellam, Ruth Delpriore, June Reynolds, Joan Strasburg, Jean Manhardt

ROW THREE: Frank Martino, Gabriel Palumbo, Irving Anderson, Edwin Retzer, Grant Israel, Steven Russo, Donald Fraser, George Schwartz, Eric Walker



TYPING CLASS

ROW ONE: Grace Notaro, Jane Noble, Jennie Pirro

ROW TWO: Dorothy Hill, Anthony Drake, Carol Doria, Joan Krumheuer, Josephine Greco, Idella Adams

ROW THREE: Marie Gengo, Barbara Coleman, Betty Foti, Mary O'Neil

ROW FOUR: Sylvia De Salvo, Marjorie Watson, Clara Bonda, Joyce Palermo



ROOM 117

ROW ONE: Phyllis Noah, Barbara Coleman, Shirley Poole, Carol Innes, Myra Boyer, Nancy Coppess, Marie Gengo, Jennie Pirro, Marjorie Watson, Constance Saunderson

ROW TWO: Joan Krumheuer, Dolores Hierl, Helen Sullivan, Idella Adams, Nancy Martin, Joyce Palermo, Carole Zimmerman, Patricia Martin, Nancy Page, Paula Records

ROW THREE: Donald Rott, David Hawkins, Ian Wright, David Wallace, Richard Dattner, Charles Anderson, Salvatore Porto, Duane Durham, Lester Strasburg





Rooms 215 and 312

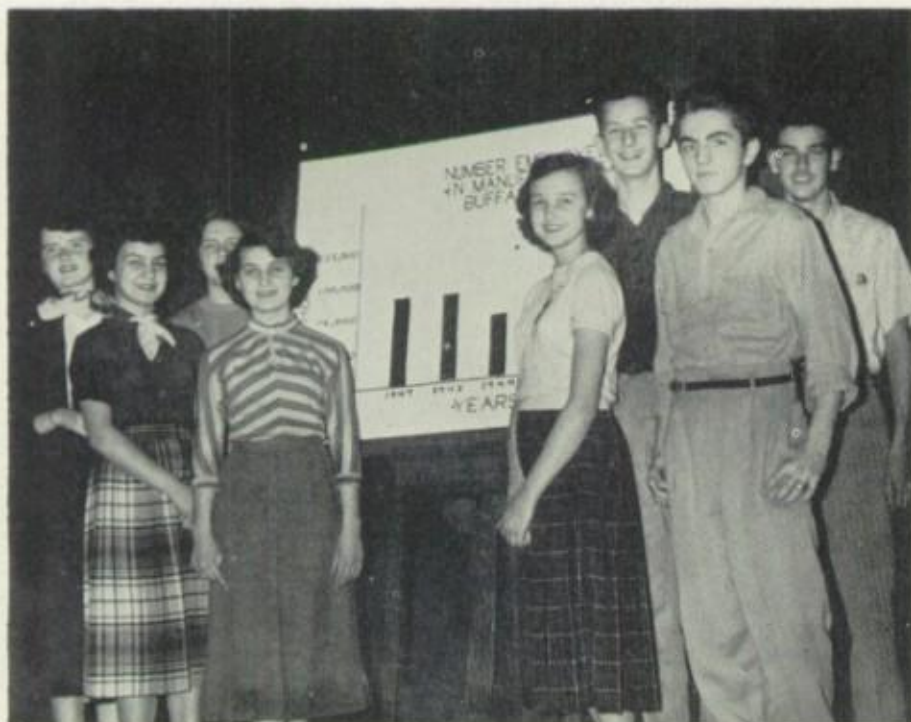
ROW ONE: Joann Favata, Elaine Sim, Anne Massini, Rose Noto, Lois Haight, Rose Fiorella, Jane Marinda, Barbara Hull, Grace Vella

ROW TWO: Barbara Wilber, Patricia McCorkindale, Lorraine Osborn, Carol Kessler, Joyce Stanley, Diana Ray, Florine Davis, Shirley Secord, Audrey Wilson, Susanne McCarthy, Rita Riley, Mary Ann Tripi

ROW THREE: Jacquelyn Mangano, Joan Zappia, Joan Ann Curto, Geraldine Fava, Sara Lochnicht, Ruth Groundwater, Joyce Jones, Beverly Schroeder, Ruth McClelland, Mildred Turner, Barbara Sebring

ROW FOUR: Pascal Pratt, William Mackris, Frank Gengo, Edgar Walker, Joseph Zambito, Burton Craden, John Martin, David Humphrys, Charles Pezzino, Roderick Taylor, William Smith

ROW FIVE: Thomas Hofschneider, Peter Sucato, Emanuel Saelli, John Gallagher, John La Marca, Richard Herdendorf, Howard Steinberg, Peter Keller, Thomas Reilly, Marvin Andolina



Freshmen

MARY SVENSSON, Josephine Tirone, Arlean Croft, Mary DelGatto, Patricia Butts, Dennis McHenry, August Grillo, and Thomas Hofschneider explained the work of the math department on Parents' Night.



Rooms 203 and 307

ROW ONE: Pat Stinson, Connie LaBarbera, Nickolena Bottitta, Kathleen Frascella, Rose Mary Christiano, Kay Burke, Joann Annibale, Barbara Riley, Janice Brown

ROW TWO: Barbara Tobias, Dorothy Clark, Patricia Lucore, Myra Campbell, Norma Storrs, Joan Field, Shirley Stoll, Janet Slowleigh, Anna Trost, Rosemarie Bodami, Barbara McDonnell, Emmie Max

ROW THREE: Betty Jane Hayes, Shirley Clark, Evelyn King, Arlene Graham, Olga Mihailovich, Rosemary Brunette, Evelyn Hickman, Virginia Seaborn, Jane Polmateer, Carole Holden, Daryl Sugarman, Carole Goodwin

ROW FOUR: Paul Upchurch, John Reid, Peter Tasca, Marvin Smith, Jane Robbins, Carolyn Crook, Joan Gugino, Victor Calonna, Paul Norton, Paul Greco, Dennis McHenry

ROW FIVE: James Watson, Ronald Malin, Bruce Petrus, Frank Cogdell, George Livingston, Gary Cogdell, Howard Melcher, Joseph Zavarella, Richard Turlington, Donald Jochum

Class of 1956

CAROL GRIMM, Joanne Gotthelf, Joan Funk and Jane Robbins confer with Miss Nice, girls' guidance counselor, in her office about schedules, positions, or preparations for college.





Rooms 102 and 313

ROW ONE: Michelina Aiello, Janet Desimore, Doris Frigoni, Kathleen Martin, Beverly Reckahn, Mildred Zatorski, Peggy Reckahn, Dolores Castellucio, Colleen Chorey, Joyce Brown, Annette Gielinski
 ROW TWO: Marie Gioreano, Judy Kompson, Joanne Salantino, Nancy Evans, Joan Funk, Darlene Grann, Mary Ann Kozlowski, Jacquelyn Kuhn, Patricia Relation, Patricia Pecoraro, Janice Mogavero, Grace Logan
 ROW THREE: Nancy Chiappone, Christine Chiappone, Nancy Puccio, Marie Zanghi, Janet Kellam, Sue Churchill, Maureen Pollino, Nina Panepinto, Adaline Campanella, Janet D'Arrigo, Lorraine Balsdon, Irene Forsyth
 ROW FOUR: Charles LoTempio, Joseph Kiblin, Angela Bellia, Marsha Innes, Carol Grimm, Joanne Muscarelli, Carol Brandvold, Barbara Novaro, Bruce Bauer, Robert Corbett, Robert Ratcliffe
 ROW FIVE: Thomas Anzelone, Nicholas Logattuta, James Ventura, Anthony Maraschiello, James Lee, Dominic Ballanti, John Schulz, Emil Augsburg, David Starr, Richard Johnson, Jack Mitrey

Freshmen



*M*ARIE ZANGHAI, Maureen Pollino, Anthony Maraschiello make out a few of the many cards which are required of freshmen when they begin their pleasant career at Lafayette.



Rooms 114 and 323

ROW ONE: Josephine Quadrone, Rose Tontillo, Patricia Burns, Marilyn Walters, Joanne Gotthelf, Ruth Ward, Janice Swan, Peggy Killilee, Irene Bronzino, Shirley Loiacono, Nadine Poole

ROW TWO: Nancy Bailey, Sally Bova, Patricia Marconi, Jessiemarie Conley, Hazel Flynn, Darlene Borzilleri, Josephine Tirone, Patricia Butts, Frances Vitano, Mary Svensson, Dorothy De Verna, Santina Alioto, Arlean Croft

ROW THREE: Caroline Grifasi, Nellis Briggs, Joan Lavarella, Juliette McClure, Sheila Scinta, Barbara Wilson, Patricia Patterson, Francine Aquilino, Carol Rackley, Edith Peterson, Gayle Durham, Betty Lou Shultes, Sandra Gray

ROW FOUR: James Ray, Angelo Falletta, James Schlau, Donald King, Gordon Hipple, Richard Cloutier, Ronald Bush, Leon Copeland, Raymond Sebring, Robert Balsano, Robert Stashak

ROW FIVE: Harry Smith, August Grillo, John Pecoraro, James O'Connell, Roger Brannon, James Chiro, Francis McConkey, Salvatore Balone, Peter Mac Evan, Richard Arquette, Daniel Marafino, Wayne Sinn

Class of 1956

DONALD JOCHUM, Olga Michailovich, and Judy Kompson confer about their art work in Room 102 where generations of Lafayette students have produced prize-winning art work.





STUDENT SPEAKERS

S. Carocci, J. A. Andrus, J. Adams, G. Israel, E. Havas, M. Ratcliffe

THESE students represent winners in speaking contests. In the Voice of Democracy Contest, which demanded patriotic speeches written, memorized and delivered by the students, Eva Havas, Grant Israel, and JoAnn Andrus tied for first place. Seven finalists in the Girls' Declamation Contest spoke in assembly. Miriam Ratcliffe was the winner. Four students appeared before judges in the American Legion Constitution Contest, each presenting a strictly timed, ten to twelve minute, memorized, self-written speech. John Adams and Sam Carocci tied. When John represented Lafayette at East High School, he won second place. In all thirty-nine speakers were trained by Miss Wechter for these contests.



Mrs. Wenzel on her "Merry Oldsmobile"



Buenos Días, señorita!

Miss Howell is a favorite among her Spanish classes and her senior homeroom.



Pose Pretty

STANDING: Rita Mullins, Sally McCrory, Sandra Bassler, Shirley Evans, Sheila Harris, Shirley Wright, Beatrice Campbell, Nancy Stein, Nancy Gielinski, Roslily D'Arrigo

SEATED: Helen Droney, Noreen Simmons, Kathleen Quinlan, Doris Bonadio



Junior Day Debutantes

STANDING: Bonnie Smith, Shirley Smith, Carol Dean, Miriam Ratcliffe, Janet Nagel, Paula Garretson, Roberta Cox,

SEATED: Dorothy Wynne, Donna Humphreys



"What's Going On?"

Here is the familiar face and familiar expression of Sal Lachina during football season at All High Stadium.



"The Loveliest Night of the Year"

Betty Sue Daniels, Robert Schaffner, Joan Dean, and Robert Burey took happy as they arrive at the 1952 Junior-Senior Prom.

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Miss Adalene Hall, Marjorie Hager, Carole Smith, Adeline Campanella, Virginia Beard, George Barnes, Duane Hanson, Mrs. Arnold

THE Junior Red Cross presented to Mrs. Arnold a handsome chest to be sent abroad. This chest included school and health supplies, recreation equipment, musical instruments, a first aid kit and books. The beautiful chest was expertly made by the boys of the industrial arts classes under the leadership of David Arkland, Salvatore Battista, William Lobuzzetta, Allen Merrifield, Charles Tiffany and direction of Mr. Kolassa. The boys of the industrial art classes contributed \$18.25 to pay for the chest they made.

A Red Cross representative in each homeroom collected from students and faculty a contribution of \$169.82 to pay for the contents.



Amateur Shakespearean Players

Donna Nardozzi, Barry Malin, Elaine Evingham, Alex Drapanas, Joan Dean, and Margaret King portrayed characters from "AS YOU LIKE IT" in their English literature class.



The Gay Blades

Bob Barone, Barry Malin, and Steve Russo relax after a day of school.



School's Out
Beatrice Campbell, Sally McCrory, Ruth McLellan.



Faithful Fans

Pat Steger, Judy Shanahan, Shirley Evans, Jeanette Elek, Kay Quinlan, Jo Ann Twist, Barbara MacLeod, Sandra Fallon, Myrna Nye, Angela Bongiovanni.



Happy Birthday, Bobbie!

J. Eslick, S. McCrory, R. Henderson, K. Quinlan, M. Nye, J. Twist.



STUDENT organizations enlarge experience in school as they provide opportunity for activity outside the class room. For fifty years students with common interests have formed varied groups. Often two people, with the ideals of Mary Hogan's Lafayette Creed in mind, have begun new groups, fired by their enthusiasm.

"As a student of Lafayette, I am an heir to all her possessions; her spirit, her lofty ideals, her time hallowed traditions. --I resolve never to let my heritage become less; never to let, through careless deed of mine, that spirit be weakened, those ideals lowered, those traditions shattered. ---Rather will I with love and care increase the heritage I have received and hand it down to those who follow me, enriched and strengthened by my use."

Organizations

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THE LAFAYETTE ORACLE



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Literary Editor

THE LAFAYETTE ORACLE is as old as Lafayette High School. Through fifty years it has been Lafayette putting itself on record.

THE ORACLE, begun with a Christmas issue in December 1903, which sold eleven hundred copies, has been published every year since. The first issue recorded how seventeen girls of the Cooking Club learned to wash dishes and boys of the Room 3 Dorcas Sewing Club learned the art of threading a needle. Early issues were small, packed with school news. Considerable space was given to organizations. Lafayette had the honor of having the largest Bible Club for young men and one of the first Y.M.C.A's for high school boys in the country. It was formed in 1908 as the Lafayette Club. The Math Club made a farm survey of the State Hospital grounds in 1909. Among the debate societies were the Johnsonian Society, the Emersonian Society and the Lafayette Senate. In 1907, this popular Senate had a waiting list, as membership was limited to forty-six, one member for each state of the Union. Debate was heated and articles tell of shouts of "yes" and "no" issuing from the teams' rooms. Languages were important with German, Spanish, Greek, Latin, and French clubs organized. The club notes, written in various languages, make the present day reader burn with curiosity. In 1911 the Soc and Buskin club was formed by those interested in theatricals. Directed by Miss Julia Wechter, sister of our present Miss Marie Wechter, the group gave at least one play a year. Successful plays directed by Miss Wechter included BEAU BRUMMEL, MONSIEUR BEAUCAIRE, THE MAN FROM HOME, and THE TAMING OF THE SHREW. Other clubs attracted philatelists, chess players, those who wished to read Shakespeare, camera enthusiasts, scientists, equestrians, etc. THE ORACLE, however, primarily published literary material supplied from writing contests and by literary staff members. Material was illustrated with excellent art work.

In 1923 an informal account of homeroom activities, called "Ye Oraclette" was introduced within THE ORACLE. Presently informal news articles replaced these homeroom reports in a sort of newspaper.

THE ORACLE was issued as a magazine until 1935. Beginning in 1924 the fourth issue officially became the school yearbook. According to ancient legend the oracles or words of wisdom were given to the people by prophets. It was felt that the Oracle could also refer to the product of the school spirit given to the students by the editors. Our oracle sign appears between pictures on this page.

This first yearbook differed little in plan from today's. Only in the fashion of dress is there appreciable difference. The boys sporting knickerbockers and the girls in low-waisted dresses appear in homeroom pictures and innumerable club groups.

THE ORACLE records for us the standards and traditions of the past. We find our history filled with enlightening details. In 1909, before the addition to the building, the ORACLE office was located at the northeast end of the balcony. In 1910 the headquarters were moved to room 13. The circulation of the ORACLE varied. In 1903 with sixteen staff members one thousand copies were sold but at a loss. In April 1921, 1800 copies were sold.

The purpose of the ORACLE has always been to present a comprehensive view of the activities of the school and students, in classwork or extra curricular activity. Without the aid of the faculty advisers, the staff would rarely have succeeded in its purpose. During fifty years of publication, expert guidance was given by Miss Sage, Miss Hilfinger, Miss Morgan, Miss Carlton, Mr. Kolassa, Miss Thurber, and Miss Kammerer. Mr. Ernest Merritt was for many years our indefatigable photographer. Anyone who knows THE ORACLE must place above all others the work of Miss Elizabeth Weiffenbach, as art adviser and chief adviser. During her 49 years at Lafayette, the staff provided excellent art work and many prize winning yearbooks.

The 1953 ORACLE Staff worked diligently to co-ordinate in this anniversary issue the fifty years of Lafayette achievements. They have attempted to present the view of a half century of recording and continuing the traditions of Lafayette. Working amicably together the staff accomplished a great deal, hunting suitable quotations for seniors, writing on all the sports and organization activities and, of course, pouring over old yearbooks. Many poems and stanzas from songs of the past have been incorporated in this year's ORACLE.

In assembly, January 13, the students enjoyed a preview of some ORACLE pictures. A panel discussion by Miss Weiffenbach, Miss Rogers, Mr. Svensson, and Mr. Woods accompanied the slides, with much reminiscence of the old days.

At The Western New York Interscholastic Press Conference, held Saturday, December 6, 1952 at Amherst Central School, our publications, the ORACLE and TRIANGLE, were represented by Miss Croll, Joan Dean, Shirley Wright, George Johnson, Miss Smith, Nancy Svensson, Anthony Cipriano, Mr. Gott, June Martina, Marie Wheeler, Dean Richardson, Carol Dean, Donna Bridge, and Janet Panzica. During the morning, group discussions were held on photography, editing, and financing of school publications, followed by a sociable lunch. In the afternoon session judging of the 1952 yearbooks was announced. Our art work was mentioned as exceptional, which made us very proud. In our price class we were third, short five points of top place. Out of 1000 possible points, 905 is an excellent record.

Our particular thanks this year are extended to Miss Smith for her able direction in art and photography, to Mr. Gott for his capable organizing of the circulation staff, to Miss Croll for her guidance as literary adviser, to Miss Reif who has kindly checked records and names, and to Mr. Svensson for mounting pictures.

Mr. Theodore Fremy of Fullerton studios has expressed his appreciation of the cooperation of students and faculty when he was taking pictures. May we indicate our pleasure in our association with him and with his unusually good pictures?

We have liked, too, our work with Mrs. Jewell Gates and Mr. William Watson of William J. Keller, Inc. printer.

The staff is conscious of THE ORACLE'S past glory; it hopes that students of the present and past will find pleasure in the 1953 LAFAYETTE ORACLE YEARBOOK.



THE LAFAYETTE TRIANGLE

SINCE 1934 the TRIANGLE has been sharing with the ORACLE the recording of Lafayette events. Its name is derived from the Lafayette Triangle of Loyalty, Honor and Service and ever recalls to our minds these beloved watchwords. Like a newspaper in form, the publication has been either printed or mimeographed.

The TRIANGLE began its nineteenth year of publication in 1952 with a Thanksgiving issue. A St. Patrick's Day issue and an issue of farewell to the past fifty years completed the presentation of school news. The TRIANGLE staff, led by Editor-in-chief Doris Bonadio, and Miss Iulig, the faculty adviser, strives to bring the students a humorous and serious side of school life.



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GLEE CLUB

ROW ONE: Ruth McLellan, Judith Clayton, Donna Bridge, Ann Rich, Patricia McCorkindale, Gloria Milton, Dolores Castellucci, Patricia Grimm, Sandra Robertson, Mildred Kozlowski

ROW TWO: Lorraine Zubris, Rose Marie Battaglia, Nancy Titus, Patricia Dobbins, Carol Kirk, Juanita Kozlow, Marion Vandermey, Nellis Briggs, Carol Siskar

ROW THREE: Elaine Evingham, Beverly Reckahn, Noreen Simmons, Mary Del Gatto, Barbara Leavers, Mertis Kozlowski

Musical Organizations

LAFAYETTE musical societies have long been of special importance. The Mandolin Club formed in 1903 made out of town engagements, gave annual June concerts, and played during many assembly programs. This club existed until 1917, sometimes as separate organizations and sometimes with young ladies and gentlemen in one group. Besides mandolins, students played violins, cellos, flutes, drums, and a piano. Also in 1903 a Girls' Glee Club was organized with sixty sopranos and forty altos. The strains of "The Priests' March" by Mendelssohn inaugurated the first appearance of the school orchestra on December 22, 1905 with Mr. Siekmann directing fourteen first violins, five second violins, two flutes, two coronets, one cello, one drum and a piano.

Since 1917 Mr. Jocoy has provided excellent music with his direction of choruses, orchestras, and bands, as well as individual singers. Operettas were popular. LELAWALA, given in 1927 with Lillian Seaborn as the Indian Maiden and in 1936 with Viola Moehlau in the title role, was excellently presented. CHONITA featured the singing of Betsy Hobson in 1935 and the MISS CHERRY BLOSSOM cast was led by Victoria Pawelski. Many springs the



ORCHESTRA 1922

THE Lafayette orchestra in 1921 consisted of thirty instruments, including the first flute and a melophone. This was the first year the orchestra practiced in the music room. Previously practice had been held in the library. During this year a concert grand was placed in the assembly and a smaller one in the music room. Robert Hufstader was the pianist.



BAND

ROW ONE: Ann Rich, Nancy Titus, Patricia Dobbins, Leo Howard, Ian Wright, Robert Barone, Daniel Clark, Joseph Del Popolo, Charles Manuele, Pat Montemorano

ROW TWO: Carmen Gullo, Russell Alessi, James Lee, William Morse, Robert Stashak, Marjorie Hager, Jane Polmateer, John Adams, Thomas Schroeder, James Wright, Salvatore Lioița, Louis Marceau, Edward Kulaw

ROW THREE: Mr. Jocoy, Mildred Holdsworth, Norman Gottler, Don McHenry, Loren Morse, Anthony Maraschiello

orchestra, band, and glee club gave excellent concerts. THE MIKADO, cause of much rehearsing in 1932, was presented in Elmwood Music Hall by a combined high school glee club including Lafayette's under Miss Warner's leadership.

When the new building was completed, band instruments were requisitioned. In 1925 the band was born. It included thirty-four members, of whom Carlton Wagner, Reed Finley, William Pinkow and Irving Shire have since become professional musicians. That band and subsequent ones have brought pleasure during many games, school assemblies and concerts.

As the Mandolin Club contributed to all important early occasions, so do Mr. Jocoy's groups please us now. At our Christmas program the glee club sang the lovely "Winter Wonderland" and "Noche Buena." Our parents too enjoyed hearing "Make Believe" and "It's a Long, Long Trail" as the special parents' night program. The band played for the Armistice Program and led the junior march to the monument. Musical organizations continue to be an important part of our school life.

MANDOLIN CLUB

THE Mandolin Club, a most popular and talented musical organization during the first years of our school, played every other Friday in school assemblies. The boys' section had learned "Mendelssohn's Wedding March" and played it publicly in 1904. The girls gave a public recital later that same year and played "Prince Charming" and "Colored Guards." Mr. Charles H. Jackson directed the group, which was the only mandolin club in all three Buffalo high schools.





MONITORS

ROW ONE: Dorothy Wynne, Carol Bradford, Marie Curro, Joyce Brown, Janet Panzica, Barbara Thomas, Noreen Simmons, Carole Olmstead, Dorothy Newman

ROW TWO: Jo Ann Twist, Sylvia Scott, Nancy Bush, Eleanor Vastola, Rosalie Pinto, Clara Bonda, Grace Calandra, Barbara Coleman, Arlene Costello, Mary Ann Frascella, Jacqueline Provenzano

ROW THREE: Beverly Smith, Marie Cala, Loretta Bagarozzi, Bessie Greco, Barbara Mills, Jeanette Marino, Josephine Mauro, Julia Brignone, Dolores Makosky, Idella Adams, Patricia Dawson, Mariann DePasquale, Carol Rizzo, Alice Dingwall, Carol Rowe

ROW FOUR: Lee Liddell, Myra Boyer, Carol Dean, JoAnn Andrus, Patricia Newman, Mildred Franco, Nancy Stein, Helen Droney, Janet Weber, Patricia DeSantis, Peggy Stone, Elaine Milkie, Marie Gengo

ROW FIVE: Virginia Beard, Mary Brady, Gwendolyn Howell, Ann Burgio, Shirley Cancilla, Jane Bozenski, Evelyn Luongo, Joan Dean, Joyce Keen, Patricia Vogel, Dorothy Hill

ROW SIX: Gloria Campise, Joan Wilson, Phyllis Hedges, Charlene Buffomante, Miriam Ratcliffe, Ann Zappia, Shirley Smith, Doris McIntosh, Patricia Tracy, Joan Krumheuer, Ruth Roy

A MONITOR may run the switch board, arrange the absence slip, check books, type, or sell supplies as his contribution to a smooth running school.



KIWANIS KEY CLUB

ROW ONE: John Lauria, Barry Malin, James DeMarco, Richard Ricigliano, Joseph Albano, Joseph Raccuia, Sam Deveso, Gerald Brady

ROW TWO: Mr. Johnston, Vito Gramarossa, Richard Robson, Joseph Schabo, Bob Geyer, Patrick Lovullo, James McQuestion

ROW THREE: Gordon Carpenter, Pat Montommarano, Robert Slattery

*T*HE Kiwanis Club provides boys for the presentation of colors in many assemblies. This fall it presented a football roster to each student.



FORENSIC CLUB AND DEBATERS

ROW ONE: Elaine Milke, Angela Bongiovanni, JoAnn Andrus, Patricia Tracy, Evelyn Luongo, Elaine Pfeiffer, Gail Rinkerman, Nicoletta Rutigliano, Rachel Schimenti, Joan Gallavan, Marion Hochvert, Janet Panzica
 ROW TWO: Dorothy Wynne, Elizabeth Dribben, Sharon Haentges, Joanne Van Lierop, Miriam Ratcliffe, Juanita Kozlow, Sheila Harris, Arlean Croft, Vail Watson, Eva Havas, Nancy Coppess, Helen Droney
 ROW THREE: David Doyle, Vito Gramarossa, Robert Geyer, Barry Malin, Grant Israel, Samuel Carocci, Francis Reilly, George Johnson, Anthony Drake

FIRST semester the Forensic Club under the direction of Miss Wechter sponsored three contests and an eight minute unit Parents' Night. From this year's Debate Club, Miss Hartzell will chose six students to debate, against Fosdick Masten and Technical High Schools, the proposition: Resolved, that the members of the Atlantic Pact form a federal union.

JUNIOR COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

ROW ONE: Lee Liddell, Patricia Newman, Julia Brignone, Donna Humphreys, Bonnie Smith, Carol Dean, Marilyn Hile
 ROW TWO: Gloria Watkins, Gloria Lunz, Anthony Drake, William Ferry, Shirley Smith, Claudia Weinheimer

THE Lafayette group will send five delegates representing Uruguay to Buffalo State Teachers' College in March for a model United Nations' Assembly.





SKATING CLUB

ROW ONE: Lee Liddell, Margaret Osika, Jean Turko, Joyce Stanley, Betty Sue Daniels, Beverly McLaughlin, Frances Wells, Carol Doria, Judy Clayton, Joan Gotthelf, Mary Koslowski, Shirley Stoll

ROW TWO: Sue Churchill, Shirley Kaiser, Shirley Rice, Margaret De Pasquale, Charlene Perino, Jean Battaglia, Shirley Cancilla, Rose Marie Battaglia, Arlene Costello, Barbara McDonnell, Sonja Daniels, Shirley Secord

ROW THREE: Dorothy Hill, Janet Slowliegh, Joan Howard, Carol Rizzo, Diana Roy, Joan Zappia, Ann Zappia, Selma Lustik, Ruth Roy, Gail Durham, Carol Rackley

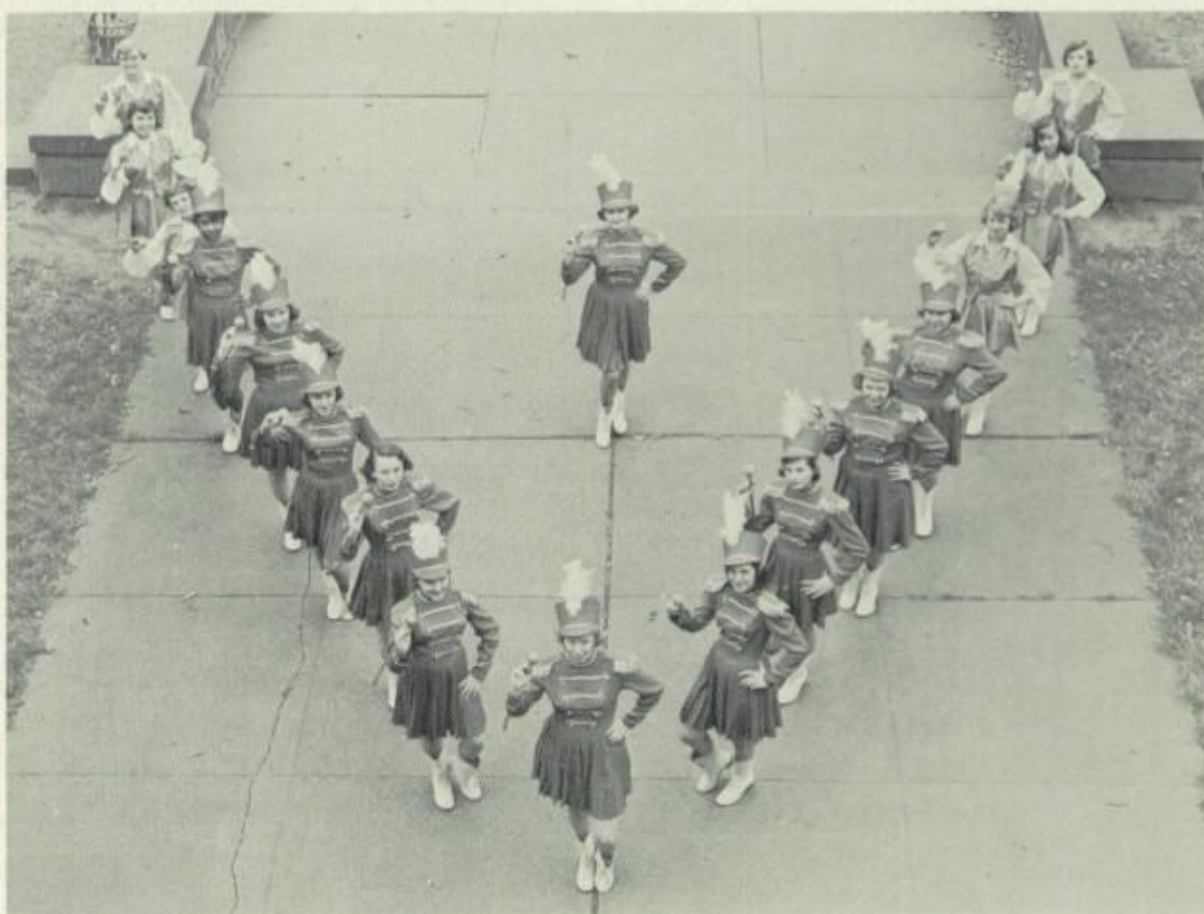
ROW FOUR: Benjamin Bell, William Hilliker, Edwin Reitzer, Robert Slattery, George Barnes, Herbert Near, Russell Gugino, Richard Robson

*T*HE group enjoyed a hayride and skating party during the first semester.

BATON CLUB

LEFT TO RIGHT: Shirley Smith, Lillian Garland, Dorothy Newman, Florine Davis, Ruth Weismore, Lee Liddell, Idella Adams, Patricia Newman, Carol Dean, Julia Brignone, Roberta Cox, Patricia Grimm, Noreen Simmons, Donna Humphreys, Phyllis Armstrong, Paula Garretson
CENTER: Joyce Haentges

*E*IGHT A. M. practice for the baton club preceded their excellent performances for the variety show, Parents' Night, and the annual Lafayette Masten assembly and football game.



RED CROSS

ROW ONE: Charlene Perino, William Lobuzetta, Sam Battista, Patricia Patterson

ROW TWO: Kay Burke, Dawn Wolf, Janet Weber, Frances Palmisano, Virginia Beard, Florine Davis, Elaine Clark, Claudia Weinheimer, Patricia McCorkindale

ROW THREE: Mary Ellen Showalter, Peggy Reckahn, Marjorie Hager, Sonja Daniels, Selma Lustik, Mary Brady, Norma Hill, Darlene Winklesas, Shirley Poole, Maureen Pollino, Shirley Morningstar

ROW FOUR: Joan King, Patricia Newman, Arlean Croft, Ina Mae Buseck, Patricia Grimm, JoAnn Andrus, Ruth Wiesmore, Gwendolyn Howell, Lucy Loid, Sandra Robertson

ROW FIVE: Noreen Simmons, Elaine Evingham, George Barnes, George Livingston, John Livingston, Joan Howard, Elinor Shannon

*R*ED Cross work at Lafayette was resumed this fall through the enthusiasm of Virginia Beard and Frances Palmisano.



LAFAYETTE GIRLS' HI-Y

ROW ONE: Joy Edie, Janice Funk, Carol Rizzo, Mariann De Pasquale, Mary Ann Frusculo, Jennie Pirro, Mary Cappelzi, Judith Clayton.

ROW TWO: Carol Doria, Janet D'Arrigo, Peggy Melcher, Jeanette Polito, Frances Wells, Judy Kelly, Eunyce Goulette

ROW THREE: Adeline Campanella, Joan Funk, Sally Pantano, Grace Notaro, Grace Calandra, Shirley Baia

*M*AKING scrapbooks for the Veterans' Hospital, meeting with other Hi-Y groups, enjoying dances and sports nights develop good character and a spirit of helpfulness.



THETA NU HI-Y

ROW ONE: Gloria DeCarlo, Barbara Schopp, Dolores Formosa, Nancy Scaffidi, Vivian LaCata, Olive Sim, Patricia Newman

ROW TWO: Betty Foti, Shirley Rossi, Doris Arquette, Sandra Bassler, Francine Anzalone, Elaine Sim, Patricia Lucore, Dorothy Clark

*T*HETA Nu Hi-Y girls meet once a week at the Y. M. C. A. They enjoy making song books for children, sponsoring dances, and holding religious services.

Y-TEENS

ROW ONE: J. Noble, N. Hill, D. Templin, D. Humphreys, C. Smith, S. Smith, B. Campbell, C. Dean, J. Gallavan, B. Smith, M. Harrington

ROW TWO: M. Hile, C. Wischnacht, B. Greco, A. Anderson, F. Snyder, B. Kellom, G. Milton, J. Brignone, B. Gilbert, N. Briggs, S. Stohl, D. Wynne, J. Kozlow

ROW THREE: J. Greco, M. Curro, L. Del Vecchio, S. Scinta, S. DeSalvo, F. Aquilina, M. Long, N. Stein, D. Newman, R. Gripple, C. Weinheimer, N. Newton, M. Hodges.

ROW FOUR: J. Mangano, J. Zappia, A. McDonald, H. Droney, C. Breckenridge, M. Ratcliffe, L. Haight, L. Liddell, K. Campbell, J. Jones, J. Robbins

"y'S UP" suggested by Lafayette Y-Teens, was chosen for the name of a city wide Y-Teen paper. These girls enjoy weekly meetings at the Y.W. C.A. and charitable and social projects.



THE GOLF
THE CLASS OF 1900
AND THE STODOLSKY CUP



As one enters Lafayette, his eyes turn first to our arresting trophy case filled with some of the awards from fifty years of athletic endeavor. Through victories in intramural, interscholastic, and state competition in various sports, these trophies have been collected. Succeeding classes will always admire and contribute to this traditional collection with the products of their achievements. The spirit behind the Lafayette sports program is clearly expressed by the Victory March.

"Cheer, cheer, for old Lafayette,
Wake up the echoes cheering her name,
Send the volley cheer on high,
Shake down the thunder from the sky.
What tho the odds be great or small
Old Lafayette will win o'er all
While her loyal sons are marching
Onward to victory!"

Athletics

Football
Letter Men

Joseph Albano



Joseph Armenia



Gerald Brady



Bruce Fitzgerald



James Gaglione



Joseph Kane



George Lombardo



Joseph Merlo

WHEN a school reaches its fiftieth year of existence, the time has arrived to look back over past achievements. Therefore we consider our glittering trophy case in the center hall which contains the spoils of victory earned by loyal Lafayette students through the years. We wish that we could include all the information Mr. Woods can tell of his successful directing of athletics in the Old Plant.

Lafayette won her first athletic trophy in 1904 when the girls' basketball team defeated Central High belles, 13 to 9. Lafayette's water polo team won the Y.M.C.A. award in 1907. The basketball team won the Yale Cup and the football team took the Harvard Cup championship. The year 1907 was important because Lafayette began using the Lafayette field. The field was dedicated November 23 when Lafayette lost to Masten 4 to 0 before nearly 4000 people. Still the team won the Harvard Cup. Since the cup series was inaugurated in 1906, the Violets have been winners fourteen times. Our trophy case contains three Harvard Cups as permanent reminders of our gridiron powers.

The baseball team in 1909 captured the Cornell Cup for permanent possession. The Princeton Trophy was also captured that year as Violet trackmen proved their supremacy. The excellent football team of 1910 swept through a 12 game schedule undefeated, being scored on only by a college varsity.

Lafayette's ability on ice was proved especially in 1911 and 1913 when Violet skaters annexed both the Union Cup and Michigan Cup, emblematic of local hockey supremacy. By 1912, the ninth year of playing football, Lafayette had played 28 different institutions and scored 1,087 points to the opponents 391. The Princeton Rowing Cup became ours in 1914 when the Lafayette crew won it three years in a row.

Another year victory streak was put together in 1916 by Lafayette harriers. The Heald Trophy, awarded to the school showing excellence in all sports, came to Lafayette in 1917. This large bronzed statue was the forerunner of the present Williams Trophy. Lafayette girls came through again in 1919 as the basketball team brought the Sargeant Cup home for keeps.

The years 1924 and 1925 saw Lafayette's great basketball team sweep to two state championships under the guidance of Mr. Whalley. Winning a total of forty-four games without a defeat over a two year span, the team proved itself superior to more than 250 teams. As a result two Yale Cups, two sectional plaques, and two silver basketballs presented by the N.Y.S.A of Syracuse University, were proudly added to the trophy case.

The
Football
Team
of
1904

They received fashionable turtle-neck sweaters.

In 1925 James Wilson took over coaching the Violet gridiron squad. The following season the Mellenites raced to their first Harvard Cup championship in nine years. After two more successful seasons Wilson and his boys presented Lafayette its last permanent Harvard Cup. Jimmy Wilson left Lafayette in 1931, and as a going away present for their beloved coach, the boys won another Harvard championship, the last one to be won by a Lafayette team. Excellent teamwork brought national recognition and lasting fame to this same football team which scored 200 points and gave none to their opponents.

Lafayette's swimming team also added to her fame. In 1925 the group won the Buffalo Evening News Trophy, emblematic of championship in Western New York. In 1927 swimmers won the Syracuse Cup for the third successive year and the state championship at Syracuse. In this meet the relay team of L. Hoffman, L. Miller, J. Fisher and E. Paul shattered the scholastic relay record, swimming in one minute, 49 4/5 seconds. Mr. Rogers was coach of these teams.

Between 1923 and 1927 Lafayette had especially good track teams. These teams won the District Cup at Batavia 1922, 1923, and 1925; the Western New York Scholastic Meet in 1924; the All High Championship and the All High Outdoor Championship in 1923, 1924 and 1925; and the first permanent Scalp and Blade Track Trophy.

After a seven year lapse the 1935 basketball team presented an unblemished record to win another Yale Cup. 1938 saw our harriers win the Columbia Cup again.

The years, 1940-1952, might be called, as far as our athletic accomplishments are concerned, "the age of the oar." Since the revival of the Princeton Rowing Competition in 1940, Lafayette has taken the title nine times. Last year our senior eight rowed their way into the Schoolboy Nationals and placed second against America's finest competition.

The latest addition to our home of athletic achievement is the Fosdick-Mellen Trophy, generously given by alumni. It is symbol of victory presented to the winner in the Lafayette-Masten game each year. After playing a total of 44 games in 47 years, the Violets lead in the competition with twenty-four wins. Since the trophy was first offered in 1950, we have won it twice.

Not only did these teams of the past bring great athletic acclaim to the school but they upheld the old Lafayette tradition of loyalty, honor, and service. It is little wonder that the name of Lafayette still strikes awe in the bosoms of our worthy opponents.



This team won Lafayette's first trophy.

Football Letter Men



Charles Raccuia



Joseph Raccuia



Richard Ricigliano



Joseph Schabo



John Schnabel



Leo Siracuse



Louis Sugarman



William Tufillaro

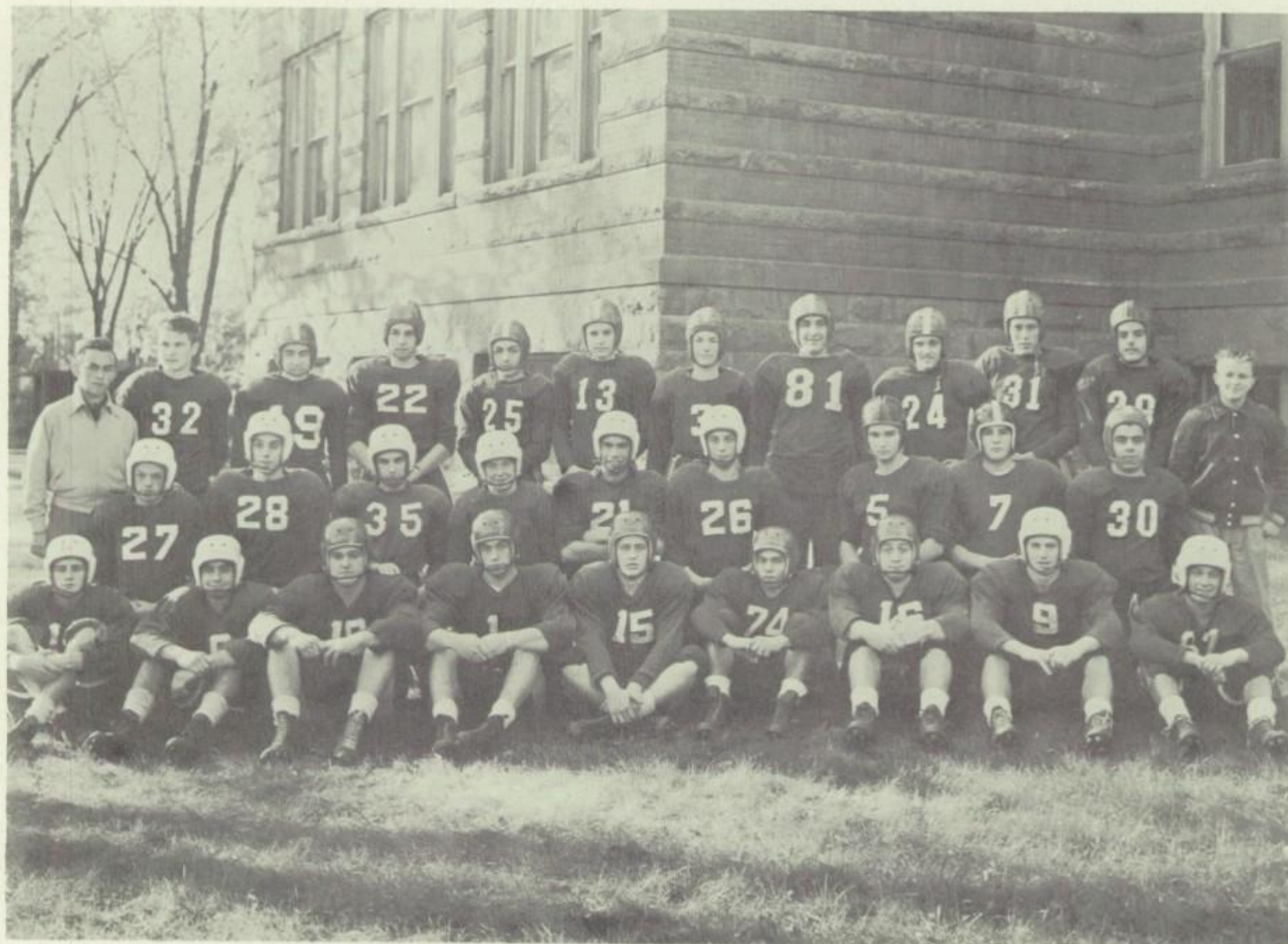


CHEERLEADERS

ROW ONE: Salvatore Lachina, Alex Drapanas, Andrew Criscione, John Lauria
 ROW TWO: Jacqueline Provenzano, Jane Gaglione, Patricia Steger, Jeanette Elek

Football 1952

THE 1952 Lafayette football team finished the season with 2 wins, 2 ties, and 2 losses. Coaches Art Whalley and Ed O'Reilly were greeted by only five returning lettermen, Joe Albano, Jerry Brady, Jim Gaglione, George Lombardo, and Joe Raccuia, when practice opened on September 1. Among other starters selected for the opening game were Joe Armenia, John Schnabel, and Willie Tufillaro, juniors, and Joe Merlo, Joe Kane and Dick Ricigliano, seniors. In the third quarter of the opening game with Hutch Joe Raccuia plowed over from the two giving Lafayette her first touchdown of the year. Bruce Fitzgerald booted his first extra point. Lafayette lost 26-7. In the East game the Lafayette boys showed they could come back fighting. Trailing 12-0 as the first quarter ended, the Violet offense began to move so that the final score was 18-18. Lafayette again had to come from behind to earn a 12-12 tie with South Park. Trailing 6-0 in the third period Captain Raccuia crossed up the defense by throwing a 25 yard pass to end John Schnabel to knot the score. With the violets trailing 12-6 with but 30 seconds to go, George Lombardo added a Frank Merriwell climax by dashing 22 yards to give us our second straight tie. The Grover game showed us the superiority of our defensive line. The Violets held Grover's fearsome running attack almost completely in check. The Presidents were forced to take to the air to win a 19-0 decision as the Lafayette offense couldn't get started. The victory that made the entire season a success was our 24-0 defeat of our traditional friend-



FOOTBALL TEAM

ROW ONE: Louis Sugarman, Richard Ricigliano, Gerald Brady, Joseph Albano, Joseph Kane, William Tufillaro, James Gaglione, John Schnabel, Charles Raccuia

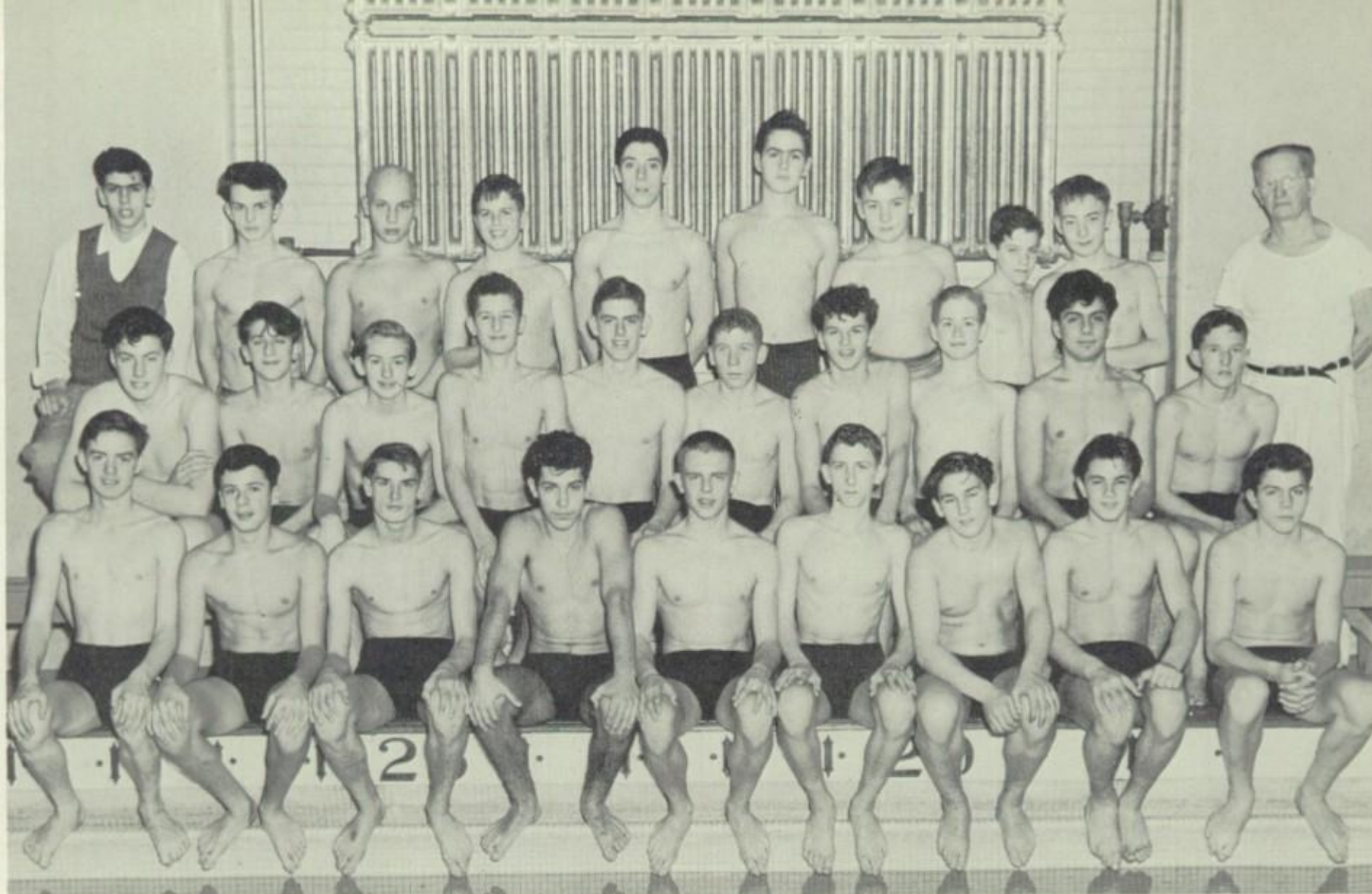
ROW TWO: Joseph Schabo, Bruce Fitzgerald, Leo Siracuse, Joseph Armenia, Edward Kulaw, George Lombardo, Joseph Raccuia, Donald Fitch, Mark Lewin, John LaMarca, Richard Arquette

ROW THREE: Dave Ward, James Milikan, Michael Mangione, Remo Damiani, Frances McConkey, George Schwartz, Emanuel Saell, Salvatore Porto, Thomas McFaul, Charles LoTempio

ly enemy, Fosdick Masten. It was the West Siders 24th victory in 44 meetings. Our offense was working like clockwork. Chuck Raccuia gave the home team an early lead. The violets could score no more until the game was nearly over. With only 5 minutes remaining Joe Merlo faded far to his right and threw a lofty pass into the left coffin corner. Lou Sugarman came from nowhere and made a blind diving grab for the most spectacular catch of the season. Two more touchdowns resulted from completed passes. The victory kept Lafayette in possession of the Fosdick-Mellen Trophy for the second successive year. Our final game, the 33-6 victory over Riverside saw nine seniors play their final game for the violet and white. Lafayette ran roughshod over the Blackrock heroes.

SCHEDULE AND SCORES

September 20	Lafayette 7	Hutchinson 26
September 21	Lafayette 18	East 18
October 11	Lafayette 12	South Park 12
October 25	Lafayette 0	Grover 19
November 8	Lafayette 24	Masten 0
November 15	Lafayette 33	Riverside 6



SWIMMING TEAM

ROW ONE: William Morse, Richard Dattner, Robert Widger, Steve Russo, Bob Ingalsbe, Donald McHenry, Donald Jochum, John Pecoraro, Don Fraser

ROW TWO: David Tegler, Joe Zanbato, Charles Anderson, Dennis McHenry, Loren Morse, James Watson, Peter Keller, David Humphreys, John LaMarco, Dean Richardson

ROW THREE: Don LaForte, Robert Macy, Joseph Miranda, Ronald Malin, Leo Siracuse, Robert Ratcliffe, Gary Cogdell, James Ray, Frank Cogdell, Mr. Rogers

Swimming

LAFAYETTE'S Syracuse Cup hopes rested on a comparatively new group of swimmers, many of them freshmen. Mr. Rogers was greeted by 35 candidates when swimming practice opened on December 1, with very few of last year's splashers back. Among the returning lettermen were Bob Ingalsbe, Bob Macy, Don McHenry, Bob Widger, and Steve Russo. Three Lafayette boys Steve Russo, John Pecoraro and Don Jochum were members of the record breaking junior Olympic relay team in last summer's competition. Freshman Jochum also won the New York State junior Olympic free style swimming title in the same competition.



These 1927 swimmers made up the third successive Mellenite team to win the Syracuse Cup. In meets with individual schools they scored a total of 341 points to 131 for the opponents. They were state champions.

SWIMMING SCHEDULE

January 29, 1953	Lafayette	12	Bennett	54
February 5, 1953 *	Lafayette	28	Riverside	38
February 11, 1953 *	Lafayette	23	Kensington	43
February 19, 1953	Lafayette	21	South Park	45
February 26, 1953	Lafayette	24	East	42
March 5, 1953 *	Lafayette		Hutchinson	
March 12, 1953 *	Lafayette		Technical	
March 19, 1953	All High Meet			

*denotes home meets



BASKETBALL TEAM

ROW ONE: Philip Pici, Louis Sugarman, Gene Beckstein, Joseph Merlo, Richard Ricigliano, Joseph Armenia
 ROW TWO: Joseph Raccuia, Gerald Brady, William Parker, William Penman, John Schnabel, Thomas Dikeman, George Lombardo, Manager

Basketball

WITH a starting five that averages over six feet in height, coach Art Whalley looks forward to a successful Yale Cup season. Though the team lacks experience it is the tallest group of Violet hoopsters in a decade. Captain Joe Merlo who has developed into one of the most accurate jump shots in the area is the team's high scorer. He is the only returning member from last year's first string. Jerry Brady and Joe Raccuia are two other starters with previous Yale Cup experience.

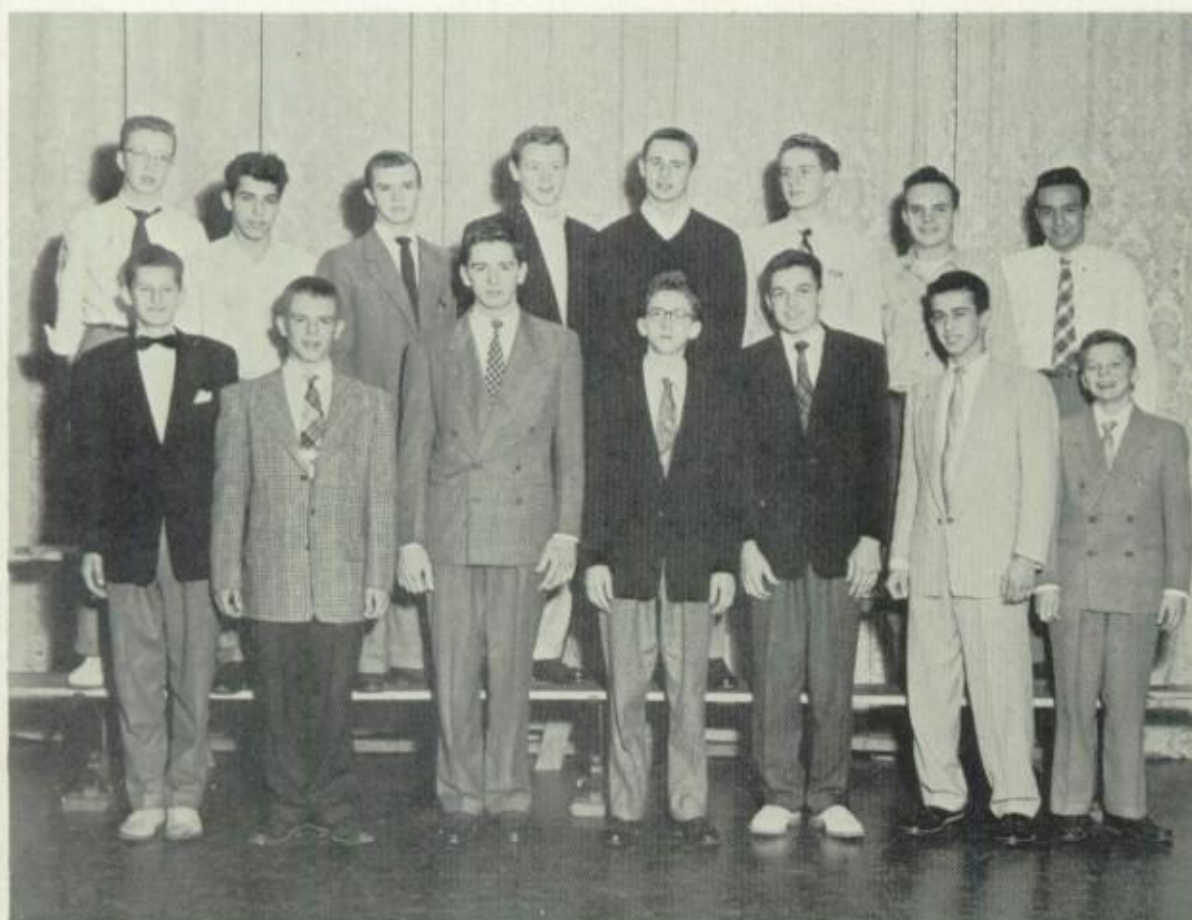
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 9, 1953	Lafayette	59	Emerson	60
January 13, 1953	Lafayette	62	McKinley	37
January 16, 1953 *	Lafayette	52	Hutchinson	61
January 30, 1953 *	Lafayette	48	Riverside	59
February 3, 1953 *	Lafayette	61	Bennett	74
February 5, 1953	Lafayette	67	Masten	71
February 10, 1953	Lafayette	72	East	63
February 13, 1953 *	Lafayette	Postponed	South Park	
February 17, 1953	Lafayette	70	Seneca	66
February 20, 1953 *	Lafayette	62	Kensington	78
February 24, 1953	Lafayette	70	Technical	67
February 27, 1953 *	Lafayette	62	Grover	57
March 3, 1953	Lafayette		Burgard	

*denotes home games



THE STATE CHAMPIONS OF 1925



The Crew

ROW ONE: Dennis Mc Henry, Robert Ingalsbe, David Doyle, Donald McHenry, Robert Geyer, George Bishop, Thomas Droney

ROW TWO: Gordon Carpenter, Steve Russo, Barry Malin, Ronald Louchren, John Schnabel, Merritt Smith, Malcolm Buckley, Robert Barone

CREW in the last thirteen years has been Lafayette's most successful sport. In 1952 our oarsmen won the Princeton Rowing Cup for the ninth time. They also pulled themselves to second place in the Schoolboy National at Washington, D.C.

Baseball

THE Violet team which finished third in the overall standings in the 1952 season is favored by most local sportswriters to finish way out in front in the 1953 race. Lafayette was the only team to defeat the champion Riverside Frontiers last year, handing them their first defeat in two years. The team has lost only three players from last year's squad. Among them was Dick Nicosia, the Violet pitcher honored with a place on the All High Second Team. Dick Jenkins, a varsity letterman for three previous seasons, will take Nicosia's place on the mound. Jerry Brady will take over catching duties vacated by Jack Pellegrino who was graduated. Three of our four infielders have played together since they were freshmen. They are Joe Raccuia, Pat Montemorano, and Joe Merlo. Merlo, whose batting average of .571 led the entire league, has been chosen captain. His hitting along with his natural ability as a shortstop gave him a berth on the 1952 All High First Team. Marky Russo, dependable second baseman from a year ago, is slated for the other infield position. The team will miss the accurate throwing arm of Harry Spillman in centerfield, but Dick Ricigliano will more than fill the vacancy. Reserves to be counted on are Sam Genco, Chuck Raccuia, and Max Linton, juniors and Joe Schabo and Don Menzies, seniors.



BASEBALL TEAM

ROW ONE: Jack Pellegrino, Michael Szafranski, Harry Spillman, Joseph Raccuia, Richard Ricigliano, Thomas Palisano

ROW TWO: Gerald Brady, Joseph Schabo, Pat Montemorano, George Ray, Thomas Balsano

ROW THREE: Joseph Merlo, Joseph Kane, Harry Tideswell, Charles Raccuia, Donald Menzies, Richard Nicosia, Richard Jenkins

Cross Country

ROW ONE: Vincent
Cala, Thomas Dixon, Max Lin-
ton, Robert Ingalsbe, Mr. Woods
ROW TWO: Dennis
McHenry, Layton Hey, Ronald
Louchren, Donald McHenry



IN this most grueling of all high school sports Lafayette's harriers showed plenty of promise that they will be the team to beat in next year's competition. Co-captains Happy Linton and Ronnie Louchren, both juniors, finished well up in front in each race they competed in. Bob Ingalsbe, the only senior on the squad, was Lafayette's third man. Sophomore Tom Dixon shows great promise as a harrier. Don McHenry, another junior, rounds out the first five. Coach Tom Woods hopes that more boys will come out for next year's team. In the All High meet Max Linton finished 19; Ronald Louchren, 20; Thomas Dixon, 46; Robert Ingalsbe, 50; Donald McHenry, 63.

SCHEDULE AND SCORES

October 2, 1952

South Park (23) Lafayette (33) Hutchinson (95)

October 9, 1952

Riverside (31) Technical (37) Lafayette (58)

October 16, 1952

Masten (43) Grover (56) Riverside (56)
Lafayette (89) Hutchinson (157)

October 23, 1952

Kensington (37) Bennett (62) Riverside (124) Masten (135)
Grover (140) East (150) South Park (153) Technical (153)
Lafayette (198) Hutchinson (355) All High Meet

Lafayette Receives Fosdick-Mellen Trophy

ROW ONE: Gerald Brady, Joseph Armenia, George Lombardo, James Gaglione, Joseph Raccuia, Mr. Gott

ROW TWO: John Schnabel, Joseph Schabo, Joseph Albano, Remo Damiani, Louis Sugarman, Charles Raccuia

ROW THREE: John LaMarca, Leo Siracuse, Richard Ricigliano, Thomas McFaul, George Schwartz, Mark Lewin, Joseph Merlo, Salvatore Porto, Richard Arquette of the football team were present for the presentation of the Fosdick-Mellen Trophy, December 5, 1952.



GO LAFAYETTE

GO, Lafayette, go
Go, Lafayette, go
Hit 'em High!
Hit 'em low!
Go, Lafayette, go!



MIGHTY JOE

DO you recognize our three letter man, Joe Merlo? During his four years at Lafayette he has been one of the most outstanding athletes, contributing to our success in football, basketball; and baseball. We regret only that we were unable to picture him in all his equipment at one time. Incidentally, he is president of our senior class.



RIGHT half back Joe Armenia streaks for a 12 yard gain in the Violets 33-6 rout of Riverside High. Left tackle Jim Gaglione is seen in background.

VINCENT Cala, Layton Hey and Thomas Dixon talk over their track prospects with Mr. Woods. The 1953 track team places great hope in George Schwartz, who pole vaulted into fourth place in the 1952 all high meet, and Joseph Albano for his excellent shot putting.



RICKETY AX

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co-ax
Rickety ax, co-ax co-
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Hullaballo!
Howdoyaddo!
Lafayette!



TENNIS 1953

LAST year's tennis team was among the finest in Lafayette's history. Despite the loss of such fine netmen as All High man Al Levy, Bob Sprenger, Ron Montesano and Don Moffed this year's squad hopes for the Robert T. Bapst Memorial Tennis trophy. This year's team will be paced by Bob Olear.



GOLD "L" WINNERS

SITTING: Kathleen Quinlan, Janet Weber

STANDING: Noreen Simmons, Helen Droney, Judy Overman, Jacqueline Provenzano, Carole Smith, Joanne Van Lierop, Shirley Newman

Girls' Sports

GIRLS participating in the girls' sports program have the opportunity to develop their athletic abilities, leadership, and teamwork. Each year many girls join in various sports activities and accumulate 150 to 500 points. In their senior year, girls who have earned 500 points merit a gold "L" pin. The hope of each one is fastened upon the Alice T. Quirk award, given annually since 1942. The receiver of this trophy represents the qualities of sportsmanship, leadership, and fine character.

Twelve girls will receive gold "L's" in June. Almost every year some girls earn more than the necessary number of points. Three girls earned over 500 points by the end of their junior year. Dolores Templin earned 690 points through her activity in badminton, basketball, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. Captain of her sophomore basketball team and a winner of the badminton contest in her junior year, Helen Droney also took part in softball, swimming, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball to earn 570 points. Participation in badminton, basketball, hiking, shuffleboard, table tennis, and volleyball earned Rosann Schneggenburger a total of 535 points.

Shirley Newman, who was captain of her senior basketball team, attended hikes, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and volleyball. Captain of her junior basketball team, Judy Overman, who was also captain of her junior softball team, earned points in badminton, basketball, hiking, shuffleboard, softball, table tennis, and tennis. Jacqueline Provenzano played basketball, shuffleboard, softball, table tennis, tennis, and volleyball. Noreen Simmons earned points in basketball, softball, swimming, and volleyball. Carole Smith, captain of her sophomore basketball team, has done well in badminton, softball, and volleyball.

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400 POINT "L" WINNERS

ROW ONE: Janet Nagel, Deena McHenry, Lee Liddell, Jane Bozenski, Marion Hochvert, Dorothy Wynne, Beatrice Bochiechi
 ROW TWO: Shirley Smith, Carol Dean, Paula Garretson, Roberta Cox, Ann Rich, Phyllis Alair, Donna Humphreys



WINNERS OF 300 POINT "L's"

ROW ONE: Carole Olmstead, Marie Curro, Mary Ann Frascella, Dorothy Newman, Betty Gilbert, Eileen Barker, Carol Kirk, Monnie Hodges
 ROW TWO: Josephine Greco, Joan Howard, Sally Pantano, Anita Anderson, Jane Noble, Miriam Ratcliffe, Norma Hill, Eleanor Vastola, Patricia Dobbins, Clara May Bonda
 ROW THREE: Sylvia DeSalvo, Marjorie Watson, Martha Elaine Harrington, Ann Zappia, Concetta Molaro, Ellen Watson, Nina Brodese



GIRLS ELIGIBLE FOR 150 POINT "L's"

ROW ONE: Darlene Borzilleri, Barbara Lyons, Joyce Stanley, Carole Holden, Barbara Hull, Barbara Novaro, Josephine Tirone
 ROW TWO: Dolores Castelluccio, Kay Burke, Mickey Aiello, Santina Alioto, Grace Calandra, Gayle Durham, Grace Vella, Joan Gugino, Pat Relation, Joyce Jones, Sue Churchill
 ROW THREE: Patricia McCorkindale, Betty J. Hayes, Shirley Baia, Kathleen Martin, Carole Goodwin, Virginia Seaborn, Beverly Schroeder, Sally Bova, Beverly Reckahn, Claudia Weinheimer, Florine Davis
 ROW FOUR: Ruth Roy, Juanita Kozlow, Rose Marie Battaglia, Joan Zappia, Janice Jones, Fiancine Aquilina, Rose Marie Tontillo, Patricia Marconi, Jacquelyn Kuhns, Nancy Evans, Ruth Ward

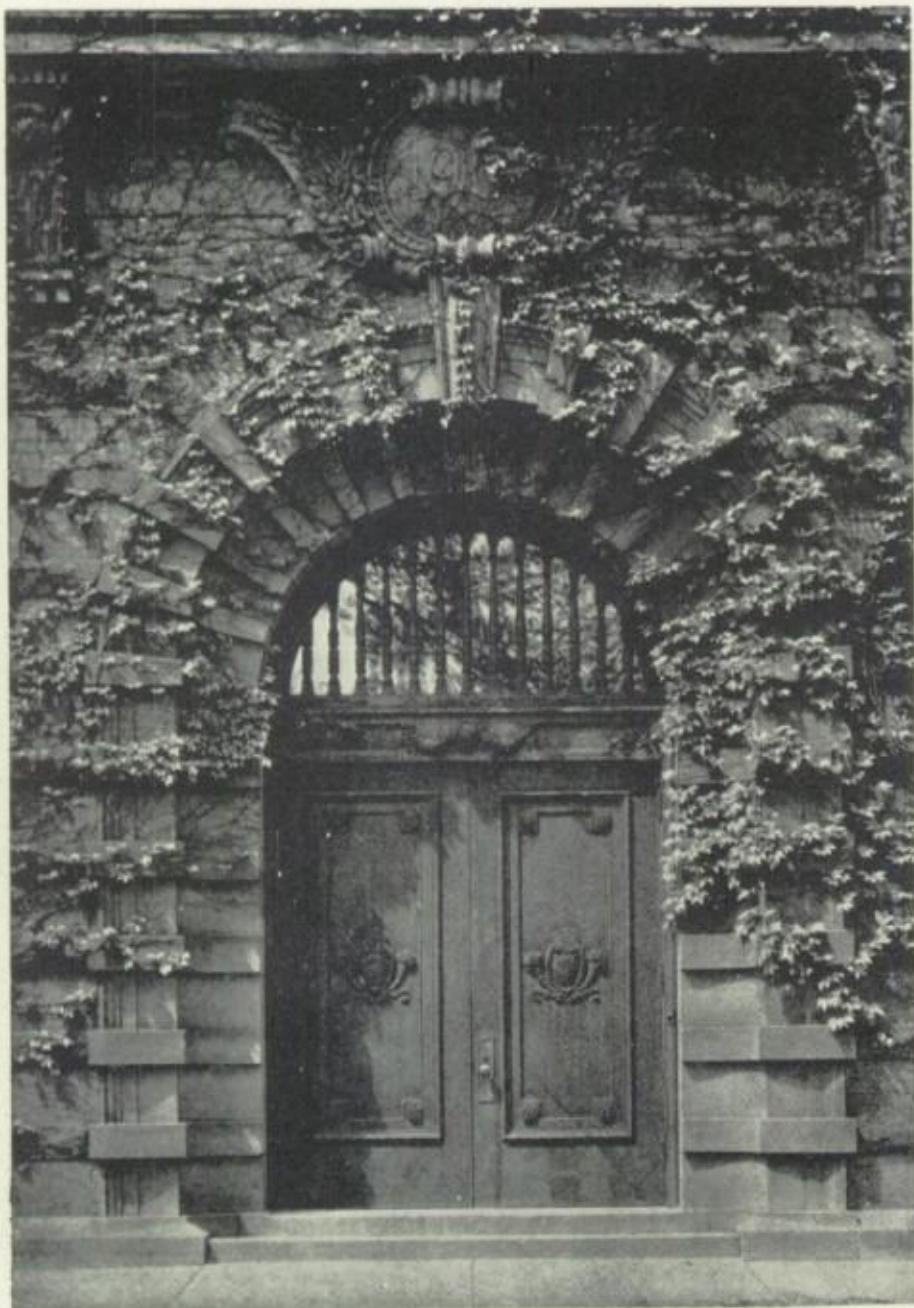
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Four girls this year earned both their 400 and 500 points together. Kathleen Quinlan has participated in badminton, hiking, softball, swimming, and tennis. Badminton, basketball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, and volleyball have been enjoyed by Ann Rich. Joanne VanLierop has played badminton, basketball, ring tennis, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, and volleyball. Janet Weber was captain of her sophomore softball team and also engaged in badminton, basketball, hiking, shuffleboard, softball, swimming, table tennis, and tennis.

Every girl has the chance to join sports activities throughout the year. Fall brings basketball, hikes, and volleyball. Winter has badminton, ring tennis, shuffleboard, swimming, and table tennis. Softball and tennis highlight the spring season. Violet and white teams, consisting of the best players, are chosen in basketball, softball, and volleyball. Badminton, ring tennis, shuffleboard, table tennis and tennis tournaments are held for which the winners receive corsages on girls' sports award day in June.

We are proud that about 51 freshmen will receive the 150 point 4 inch felt "L", 40 sophomores will have earned the 300 point 6 inch felt "L" and 17 juniors will receive the 400 point 7 inch felt "L".

You may go to Yale or Harvard, where much learning
 you may get,
 You may go to Smith or Vassar, but you'll long for
 Lafayette.
 And no matter where you wander, you will ever realize
 That our Alma Mater, Lafayette, is the school we
 idolize.



SOME Lafayette graduates will recall the ivy on the wall, others will not, but all will know that her door is never closed to those who care to enter.

